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List of the Clergy of the Diocese of Illinois,

FOR THE CONVENTION OF 1857.

Rt. Rev. HENRY JOHN WHITEHOUSE, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, and President of Jubilee College.

Rev. ALBERT, CHARLES H., Rector of Calvary Church, Batavia, and St. Mark's Church, Geneva.

Rev. BENEDICT, THOMAS N., Rector of Grace Church, Galena.

Rev. BENSON, JOHN, Rector of Calvary Church, Farmington.

Rev. BENTLEY, JAMES, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Lee Centre.

Rev. BISHOP, HIRAM N., Rector of St. John's Church, Chicago.

Rev. BOSTWICK, WILLIAM L., Rector of St. John's Church, Decatur.

Rev. CASTLEMAN, THOMAS TAYLOR, Shebanse and Kankakee.

Rev. CHASE, DUDLEY, Rector of Church of the Atonement, Chicago.

Rev. CHASE, PHILANDER, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Wyoming.

Rev. CHASE, SAMUEL, D. D., Vice President of Jubilee College, and South Carolina Professor of Ancient Languages.

Rev. CHITTENDEN, RICHARD L., Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, Chicago.

Rev. CLARK, ANSON, Rector of Emmanuel Church, Rockford.

Rev. CLARK, CHARLES P., Rector of Christ Church, Ottawa.

Rev. CLARK, JOHN W., Rector of Grace Church, Chicago.

Rev. CLARKSON, ROBERT H., D. D., Rector of St. James' Church, Chicago.

Rev. CLOVER, LEWIS P., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Springfield.

Rev. CRACRAFT, JOHN W., Rector of Church of the Ascension, Chicago.

Rev. DOWNING, JOHN G., Rector of St. Luke's Church, Dixon.

Rev. DRESSER, CHARLES, Chaplain of Jubilee College, and Professor of Belles Lettres.

Rev. DRESSER, DAVID WALKER, Minister of Christ Church, Waverly, and St. Peter's Church, Chesterfield.

Rev. FREEMAN, LYMAN N., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Warsaw.

Rev. GOODALE, SAMUEL, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Cambridge, and Trinity Church, Geneseo.

Rev. GRISWOLD, ASA, residing in Chicago.

Rev. GROVER, JAMES L., Rector of Zion's Church, Freeport.

Rev. HAVEN, JOHN H., Minister of St. Matthew's Church, Bloomington.

Rev. HUTCHINGS, BENJAMIN, Rector of St. John's Church, Albion.

Rev. KELLEY, CHARLES V., residing in Chicago.

Rev. LOCKE, JAMES DeW. C., Rector of Christ Church, Joliet.

Rev. MAYO, JOSEPH, residing near Kickapoo.

Rev. McMASTERS, S. Y., LL. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Alton.

Rev. MILLER, ORRIN, residing at Bonus Prairie.

Rev. MITCHELL, WILLIAM, M. D , Rector of St. Mark's Church, Chester.

Rev. MORRISON, THEODORE N., Rector of Trinity Church, Jacksonville.

Rev. NASH, FRANCIS B., Rector of Trinity Church, Providence, and St. Jude's Church, Tiskilwa.

Rev. NASH, SYLVESTER, Rector of Christ Church, Waukegan.

Rev. NIGLAS, JOHN, Missionary to Germans, Peoria.

Rev. OSBORNE, JOHN WESLEY, Deacon; Missionary at points on Illinois Central R. R.

Rev. PETERS, GEORGE E., Rector of St. John's Church, Kewanee.

Rev. PORTER, GEORGE S., residing at Arcadia, Stark county.

Rev. PULFORD, SAMUEL D., Principal of the preparatory department of Jubilee College.

Rev. RUDDER, WILLIAM, Rector of St. John's Church, Quincy.

Rev. RYALL, ROBERT, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield.

Rev. SAYRES, GEORGE, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Pekin.

Rev. SCHENCK, NOAH H., Rector of Trinity Church, Chicago.

Rev. STOUT, CHARLES B., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Manhattan.

Rev. STRONG, HENRY N., D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Peoria.

Rev. STANLEY, HENRY, Rector of Trinity Church, Rock Island.

Rev. TODD, CHARLES J., Rector of St. Peter's Church, Grand Detour.

Rev. TUTTLE, EDMUND B., Rector of Trinity Church, Belvidere.

Rev. UNONIUS, GUSTAF, Rector of St. Ansgarius' Church, Chicago.

Rev. WARNER, ABRAHAM J., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Peru.

Rev. WATERBURY, JULIUS H., Rector of St. Peter's Church, Sycamore.

Rev. WEST, JOHN REED, Deacon, and Instructor Jubilee College.

Rev. WHIPPLE, HENRY B., Rector of the Church of the Holy Communion, Chicago.

Rev. WOODWARD, JAMES A., Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Farm Ridge.

Total, Fifty-Seven.

Certified,

HENRY J. WHITEHOUSE,

Bishop of the Diocese of Illinois.

Chicago, October 20, 1857.

LIST OF LAY DELEGATES.

ALTON, St. Paul's; *John Challacombe*, *S. E. Mc Gregory*.

BRIMFIELD, Zion; James L. Riggs, *W. W. Church*.

CHESTER, St. Mark's; *R. B. Servant*, John Swanwick.

CHICAGO, Atonement; Reuben Taylor, *L. B. Otis*, George Davis.

" Grace; *J. W. Chickering*, E. B. Williams, H. W. Zimmerman, H. L. Wilson.

" Holy Communion; J. Brinckerhoff, T. D. Lowther, *A. E. Neely*, W. S. Woodward, A. G. Wilder.

" St. James'; George W. Dole, John S. Reed, Stiles Burton.

" St. John's; *Thomas W. Dresser*.

" Trinity; L. P. Hilliard, A. H. Pitkin, *James Hankey*, W. W. Danenhower, L. B. Alexander.

DECATUR, St. John's; Cyril Fuller, *D. C. Lockwood*, Lasber Burrows.

FARM RIDGE, St. Andrew's; Bebee Clark, Isaac Yost, Hiram Jackson.

FARMINGTON, Calvary; *S. C. Judd*, F. A. Warner, W. Wilkinson, *S. Wilkinson*.

FREEPORT, Zion; D. S. Brewster, Thomas Webster.

GALENA, Grace; T. Stahl, R. W. Carson, S. R. Smith.

JOLIET, Christ; Isaac N. Webster, *Philip N. Redford*.

KEWANEE, St. John's; *M. T. Richards*, R. P. Parish.

LIMESTONE, Christ; *James Clark*, T. N. Hotchkiss.

MANHATTAN, St. Paul's; John Young, Edmund Crafts.

MORRIS, St. Thomas'; *B. M. Atherton*, E. P. Seely, James Ryall, H. Ball.

OTTAWA, Christ; *Calvin Wilson*.

PEORIA, St. Paul's; *A. G. Tyng*, P. R. H. Brotherston, *M. Griswold*, *J. Johnson*.

PERU, St. Paul's; Nason Young, H. Jones.

QUINCY, St. John's; *F. C. Moore*, E. Moore, H. H. Hoffman.

ROCKFORD, Emmanuel; Horace Starkey, J. D. Seaton, R. M. Brantingham.

ROBIN'S NEST, Christ; John Moss, H. H. Mayo, M. L. Moss, H. J. Chase, C. Mayo, Wm. Rowcliff.

SPRINGFIELD, St. Paul's; *A. Campbell*, J. S. Bradford, *S. H. Treat*.

Those present in Convention in Italics.

JOURNAL.

St. Paul's Church, Peoria,
October 21*st*, *A. D.* 1857.

The Twentieth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Illinois, assembled for organization and business this 21st day of October, A. D. 1857, in St. Paul's Church, Peoria.

The Convention was opened with Divine Service and the Holy Communion. The Rev. T. N. Morrison and the Rev. A. J. Warner read Morning Prayer. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. John W. Clark, Rector of Grace Church, Chicago. The Bishop held an ordination, and admitted to the Holy Order of Priests, the Rev. David Walker Dresser, Deacon. The Candidate was presented by the Rev. T. N. Morrison, the officiating clergy uniting in the imposition of hands.

The Holy Communion was administered by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, assisted by the Rev. Dr. McMasters and the Rev. Dr. Clarkson.

The Convention was called to order and the Secretary proceeded to call the names of the Clergy, from the list furnished by the Bishop, when the following answered to their names and took their seats:

Rt. Rev. H. J. Whitehouse, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese and President of Jubilee College.

Rev. John Benson,
" Hiram N. Bishop,
" Wm. L. Bostwick,
" Dudley Chase,
" Charles P. Clark,
" John W. Clark,
" Robt. H. Clarkson, D. D.
" David Walker Dresser,
" Samuel Goodale,
" James DeW. C. Locke,
Rev. S. Y. McMasters, LL. D.
" Theodore N. Morrison,
" Francis B. Nash,
" Sylvester Nash,
" Samuel D. Pulford,
" Noah H. Schenck,
" Henry N. Strong, D. D.
" Edward B. Tuttle,
" Abraham J. Warner,
" James A. Woodward.

There appearing a canonical number of clergy in attendance, the certificates of lay delegates were then called for, and the Rev. Dr. Clarkson, the Rev. Dr. McMasters and the Hon. S. H. Treat were appointed a committee on the Testimonials of Lay Delegates, who, after due examination, reported favorably on the following:

St. Paul's, Alton—John Challacombe, S. E. McGregory.
Trinity, Chicago—L. P. Hilliard, W. W. Danenhower, A. H. Pitkin, James Hankey, L. E. Alexander.
Atonement, Chicago—L. B. Otis, Reuben Taylor, George Davis.
Grace, Chicago—John W. Chickering, E. B. Williams, H. W. Zimmerman, H. L. Wilson
St. James, Chicago—George W. Dole, John S. Reed, Stiles Burton.
St. Andrew's, Farm Ridge—Beebe Clark, Isaac Yost, Hiram Jackson.
St. Thomas', Morris—B. M. Atherton, E. P. Seely, James Ryall, H. Ball.
St. Paul's, Springfield—A. Campbell, J. S. Bradford, S. H. Treat.
Christ, Robin's Nest—John Moss, H. H. Mayo, M. L. Moss, H. J. Chase, C. Mayo, Wm. Rowcliff.
St. Paul's, Peoria—M. Griswold, John Johnson, A. G. Tyng, P. R. H. Brotherstone.
Christ Church, Ottawa—Calvin Wilson.
St. Mark's, Chester—R. B. Servant, John Swanwick.
St. John's, Decatur—Cyril Fuller, D. C. Lockwood, Lasber Burrows.
Christ, Joliet—Isaac N. Webster, Philip N. Redford.
Calvary, Farmington—S. C. Judd, F. A. Warner, W. Wilkinson, S. Wilkinson.
Zion, Brimfield—James L. Riggs, W. W. Church.
St. John's, Quincy—F. C. Moore, E. Moore, H. H. Hoffman.

The names of the lay delegates duly appointed

being called, the following answered and took their seats:

John Challacombe, S. E. McGregory—*St. Paul's. Alton.*
James Hankey—*Trinity, Chicago.*
Hon. L. B. Otis—*Atonement, Chicago.*
John W. Chickering—*Grace, Chicago.*
B. M. Atherton—*St. Thomas', Morris.*
A. Campbell, Hon. S. H. Treat—*St Paul's, Springfield.*
R. B. Servant—*St. Mark's, Chester.*
D. C. Lockwood—*St. John's, Decatur.*
Philip N. Redford—*Christ, Joliet.*
S. C. Judd, S. Wilkinson—*Calvary, Farmington.*
A. G. Tyng, John Johnson—*St. Paul's, Peoria.*
W. W. Church—*Zion, Brimfield.*
F. C. Moore—*St. John's, Quincy.*
Calvin Wilson—*Christ, Ottawa.*

There being a canonical number of lay delegates present, thus constituting a quorum in both orders, the House was declared to be fully organized.

The election of Secretary being next in order, on motion,

Resolved, That the ballot be dispensed with, and that the present Secretary be elected—

Which was carried unanimously.

On motion,

Resolved, That clergymen present, not entitled to seats in this Convention, clergymen from other Dioceses, and candidates for Holy Orders, be admitted to the sittings of this Convention.

The following clergymen of the Diocese, not entitled at this time to seats, attended the sittings of the Convention:

Rev. Lewis P. Clover, *Rector elect of St. Paul's Church, Springfield.*
" John W. Cracraft, *Rector of Church of the Ascension, Chicago.*
" John Reed West, *Deacon, Jubilee College.*
" Richard L. Chittenden, *Assistant Minister elect of Trinity Church, Chicago.*

There were also present, the Rev. Norman Badger, of the Diocese of Ohio, the Rev. D. C. Loop, of the

Diocese of Missouri, and the Rev. F. R. Haff, of the Diocese of Iowa, and the Rev. Samuel B. Seaman, of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

On motion, the Convention took a recess until 4 o'clock, p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Four o'clock, P. M.

Convention reassembled.

The following Standing Committees were appointed by the Bishop:

Committee on Admission of New Parishes — Rev. S. Y. McMasters, LL. D., Rev. John W. Clark, Hon. R. B. Servant.

Committee on Unfinished Business — Rev. Charles P. Clark and J. W. Chickering.

Committee on Auditing Treasurer's Report—Rev. J. DeW. C. Locke and F. C. Moore.

The Committee on Credentials of Lay Delegates reported as correct the following additional:

St. John's, Kewanee—M. T. Richards, R. P. Parish.
Christ, Limestone—James Clark, G. N. Hotchkiss.
Zion, Freeport—Thomas Webster, D. S. Brewster.
St. Paul's, Peru—Nason Young, H. Jones.

The names were then called, and the following persons answered and took their seats:

M. T. Richards, *St. John's, Kewanee.*
James Clark, *Christ, Limestone.*

The Treasurer of the Diocese read his report, which, on motion, was referred to the Auditing Committee.

On motion,

Resolved, That this House, when it adjourns, shall adjourn to meet at 8½ o'clock to-morrow morning, and that it take a recess from one to half past two, p. m.

On motion,

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on the Constitution and Canons be made the order of business for to-morrow at 10 a. m.

The Auditing Committee reported the Treasurer's account as correct. (See Appendix.)

The Committee on Unfinished Business reported that, upon an examination of the Journal, they have found the following matters pertaining to this Convention, viz.: The report made to the last Convention of the proposed Constitution and Canons; a report of the visitors of Jubilee College; also, a report from the Committee appointed to confer with the Trustees of Jubilee College, to devise a plan for the education of the sons of the clergy; also, a report upon the subject of clerical support.

The Committee, to whom was referred the applications of new parishes for union with this Convention, reported favorably on the papers of St. Paul's Church, Manhattan; Trinity Church, Geneseo, and the Church of the Holy Communion, Chicago.

The question being taken severally on these, on motion, they were admitted into union with the Convention, viz.:

St. Paul's Church, *Manhattan.*
Trinity Church, *Geneseo.*
The Church of the Holy Communion, *Chicago.*

The Committee on Credentials reported as correct, the following additional testimonials of lay delegates viz.: A. E. Neely, J. Brinckerhoff, A. G. Wilder, T. D. Lowther, W. S. Woodward, of the Church of the Holy Communion, Chicago, of whom, upon their names being called, Mr. A. E. Neely appeared and took his seat.

On motion,

Resolved, That the next Annual Convention be holden at St. Paul's Church, Springfield.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed, in behalf of the Convention, to procure as many complete copies as he can of the Journals of the Convention of the Diocese of Illinois, and have them bound and deposited for use in the library of Jubilee College.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until half past 8 to-morrow morning to meet at the same place.

SECOND DAY.

Thursday, October 22, 1857.

The Convention assembled at half past 8 a. m.

Morning Prayers were read by the Rev. W. L. Bostwick, of Decatur, and Rev. E. B. Tuttle, of Belvidere.

The Committee on Lay Delegates reported as correct the following additional testimonials:

St. Paul's, Manhattan—John Young, Edward B. Crafts.
Emmanuel, Rockford—Horace Starkey, J. D. Seaton, R. M. Brantingham.
St. John's, Chicago—Thomas W. Dresser.
Grace Church, Galena—R. W. Carson, T. Stahl, S. R. Smith.

Of whom the following, upon their names being called, Mr. T. W. Dresser, of St. John's, Chicago, appeared and took his seat.

The visitors of Jubilee College reported as follows:

The undersigned, Members of the Board of Visitors of Jubilee College, appointed at the last Convention for the present year, attended the annual Examination of the College on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 23rd and 24th, 1857.

We were present at the examination of several classes in Reading and Spelling, of some five or six classes in Arithmetic, of a class in Algebra, and another in Geometry, of several classes in Latin, and of classes in Book-Keeping, in Grammar, and in the art of Composition. The examination was attended by the reading of Compositions, and by Declamations, by nearly all the students.

We were greatly gratified with what we saw and heard upon this occasion. The examination was manifestly an honest effort to show the actual progress made by the students during the year. It bore ample testimony to the thorough, efficient character of the course of instruction, and was highly creditable to the students. We were especially pleased with the compositions we heard read. A large proportion of them, in style and thought, were, for boys of the age of those who wrote them, of a superior character. The prevailing character of the declamations did not seem to us to be so worthy of commendation as the compositions. A little more thorough drilling of most of the students, in these exercises, would not, we think, be out of place.

We were much gratified with the good order and seemingly cheerful contentedness we witnessed among the students. The discipline made use of by the officers of the Institution seems to be a happy combination of authority and affectionate watchful care.

We are fully satisfied that Jubilee College, as it is now conducted, is an admirable school, every way worthy of the confidence and patronage of the community.

We deem it a reproach to the Church, that a Diocesan Institution, so fairly entitled to its confidence and affection as Jubilee College is, and so well calculated as it is to exert a wide-spread influence for good in the healthy religious education of the young, should be left from year to year in its present depressed condition.

F. B. NASH,
T. N. MORRISON.

An application was made in behalf of St. John's Church, Albion, for admission into union with this Convention, it having been organized for many years with the consent of the late Bishop, its papers approved, and from accidental circumstances, its admission at the time not taking effect. Wherefore, on motion, St. John's Church, Albion, was admitted into union with this Convention.

The hour of 10 o'clock having arrived, the House took up the order of the day, viz.: The consideration of the proposed Constitution and Canons.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Articles of the Constitution be read *seriatim* from the Secretary's table.

On call, Article I was read, and, on motion, the same was adopted.

Article II was then read, and, on motion,

Resolved, That Article II be adopted.

Article III being in order, it was

Resolved, That Section 1, of Article III, be amended to read, "There shall be a Convention of the Church in this Diocese, to be holden on the Wednesday on or after the tenth day of September, annually."

And, on motion, the whole of Article III, as amended, was adopted.

Article IV was then read, and, on motion, was adopted.

Article V was then read, and amended in the second line of Sec. 3, by altering the word "four" to "three," and as thus amended, the Article was adopted.

Article VI was then read, and, on motion, was adopted.

On motion,

Resolved, that Article VII be adopted.

On motion,

Resolved, That Article VIII be adopted.

On motion,

Resolved, That Article IX be adopted.

On motion,

Resolved, That Article X be adopted.

On motion,

Resolved, That Article XI be adopted, with the alteration of the

words "two" in the twelfth line, to read "four" clergymen and "four" laymen.

On motion,

Resolved, That Section 1 of Article XII be amended to read, "One-half the clergy entitled to seats in Convention and lay representatives from one-fourth of the parishes in union with the Convention at any time duly assembled, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, except that a smaller number may adjourn from time to time;" and that this Article, as amended, be adopted.

On motion,

Resolved, That Article XIII be adopted.

On motion,

Resolved, That Article XIV be adopted.

On motion,

Resolved, That Article XV be adopted, with the alteration of the word "congregations," in the sixth line, to "parishes."

On motion,

Resolved, That Article XVI be adopted.

On motion,

Resolved, That Article XVII be adopted.

On motion,

Resolved, That Article XVIII be adopted.

On motion,

Resolved, That Article XIX be adopted.

On motion, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the Constitution as a whole, as amended, be adopted as the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Illinois.

The same order being called for, the Canons were read *seriatim*, for the consideration of the Convention, and severally acted upon as follows:

Resolved, That Canon I be adopted as reported.

Resolved, That Canon II be adopted as reported.

Resolved, That Canon III be adopted as reported.

Resolved, That Canon IV be adopted, with the erasure from Sec. 3, first line, of the words "ten clergymen and ten lay delegates."

Resolved, That Canon V be adopted as reported.

Resolved, That Canon VI be adopted as reported.

Resolved, That Canon VII be adopted as reported.

Resolved, That Canon VIII be adopted ,with the alteration of the word "eight," in the last Section, to "six."

Resolved, That Canon IX be adopted, with the alteration of the word "seven," in the fourth line of Sec. 1, to "eight."

Resolved, That Canon X be adopted as reported.

Resolved, That Canon XI be adopted as reported.

Resolved, That Canon XII be adopted, with the erasure in the seventh line, of the words "except alms at the Holy Communion," and in the tenth line, of the words "in advance," and with the addition, after the word "distinctly" in the twelfth line, of the words "what sum has been agreed upon between the parish and himself as the annual salary, and what portion, if any, of that salary is left unpaid."

The time having arrived, according to previous arrangement, the House took a recess.

Half past Two o'clock, P. M.

The Bishop then announced that the Secretary asked leave of absence on account of necessary duties at Jubilee College, and that he had appointed the Rev. Henry B. Whipple, assistant Secretary. The House granted the leave of absence, and approved the appointment.

The House proceeded with the consideration of the proposed Canons. Canon XIII was then read, and on motion,

Resolved, That Canon XIII be adopted, with the erasure, after the words "quarterly payments," in the eighth line, of the words "be assessed for the support of the Episcopate, made by the Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Illinois, pursuant to a resolution of

this Convention," and adding in their place, "for the support of the Episcopate a sum equal to one dollar ($1) for every communicant in the parish (the number of communicants to be determined by the last annnal report) until a fund shall be provided for that purpose."

Resolved, That Canon XIV be adopted as reported.

Resolved, That Canon XV be adopted as reported.

Resolved, That Canon XVI be adopted as reported.

Resolved, That Canon XVII be adopted as reported.

Resolved, That Canon XVIII be adopted as reported.

Resolved, That Canon XIX be adopted, with the addition, in the third line of Sec. 6, after "shall," of the words "with the consent and approval of the clerical members of the Standing Committee."

Resolved, That Canon reported as Canon XXI be adopted as Canon XX.

On motion,

Resolved, That the whole body of Canons, numbering XX, be adopted as amended.

The Bishop then proceeded to read his Annual Address to the Convention.

It was then

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to the support of the clergy, be referred to a Special Committee of three laymen.

The Bishop appointed as said Committee:

Hon. R. B. Servant,
Hon. S. H. Treat,
A. E. Neely.

The Committee reported that the subject was provided for in Canon XII, as amended.

The Rev. Dr. Clarkson asked the consent of the House to introduce a Canon for the relief of aged and infirm clergy, which was granted, and the Canon referred to a Committee of Rev. R. H. Clarkson, D. D., Rev. Henry N. Strong, D.D., Hon. L. B. Otis, and A. G. Tyng.

Leave of absence for the remainder of the session

was granted to J. W. Chickering, Rev. Chas. P. Clark, Rev. E. B. Tuttle, and Mr. S. C. Judd.

On motion,

Resolved, That the House proceed to the election of Officers, and Deputies to the General Convention.

On motion, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the ballot be dispensed with, and T. N. Morrison be reëlected Treasurer of the Diocese.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to nominate candidates for a Standing Committee.

The Committee appointed were,

Rev. T. N. Benedict, J. W. Chickering.
Rev. N. H. Schenck,

On motion,

Resolved, That the Resolution, passed in Convention in the year 1838, be published with the Journal, viz. :

RESOLUTION OF 1838.

"*Resolved*, As the sense of this Convention, and in accordance with a resolution of the House of Bishops, That it is highly inconsistent with the Christian character, and prejudicial to the interests of the Church, for communicants in the same to frequent or attend public balls, theatrical exhibitions, horse-racing, and other similar amusements."

On motion,

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to assess the parishes in union with this Convention, five cents additional for each communicant, to pay arrearages.

The Rev. Dr. Clarkson introduced the following preamble and resolutions:

"*Whereas*, It is obviously the duty of the Churchmen of Chicago to provide a residence for the Bishop, and it is believed that they will willingly do so, therefore,

"*Resolved*, That there shall be appointed a committee of six laymen of Chicago, who shall have authority, in consultation with the Bishop, to rent or lease for a term of years a residence for him, until a permanent house is provided. This committee shall have power to fill

any vacancies that may occur in their own body, and to collect, in the manner that may seem best to them, from the Churchmen of Chicago, the funds necessary for the purposes herein mentioned.

"*Resolved*, That J. W. Chickering, J. L. Reynolds, J. H. Kinzie, Reuben Taylor, Dr. A. Groesbeck and A. E. Neely, shall constitute said committee, who shall remain on duty until their successors are chosen."

The Committee on Nominations reported as candidates for the Standing Committee,

Rev. Robert H. Clarkson, D.D.,	J. W. Chickering,
" Samuel Chase, D.D.,	D. J. Ely,
" Noah H. Schenck,	S. H. Treat.

On motion, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the ballot be dispensed with, and the persons nominated be elected the Standing Committee for the ensuing year.

On motion, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the ballot be dispensed with, and the Deputies to the General Convention be reëlected, with the substitution of the Rev. John W. Clark for Rev. Dr. Clarkson, who declined a reëlection, and of the Hon. S. H. Treat for H. S. Jennings, removed from the Diocese.

The House then granted leave of absence to Hon. L. B. Otis.

On motion,

Resolved, That this House adjourn to meet to-morrow morning at 9 a. m. at the same place.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, NINE O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Convention was opened with Divine Service. The Rev. T. N. Benedict, of Galena, and the Rev. Henry B. Whipple read Morning Prayer.

The Treasurer of the Diocese read his report, (see Appendix,) which, on motion, was referred to the Auditing Committee.

The Committee to whom was refered the Canon in behalf of aged and infirm clergy, reported the same as follows:

CANON ON COLLECTION FOR AGED AND INFIRM CLERGY.

Section 1. It is hereby declared to be the duty of every Rector, officiating Minister and Missionary, to make a collection in his respective congregation, on the day appointed for Thanksgiving for the fruits of the earth, to be appropriated to the relief of aged and infirm clergy in the Diocese.

Sec. 2. The collection shall be sent immediately to the Treasurer of the "Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Illinois," who shall keep the fund separate from all other funds, to be paid out as hereinafter provided.

Sec. 3. The Bishop and Standing Committee shall appropriate this money to those entitled to it, according to their discretion, a report of which shall be submitted to each Convention, and spread upon the Journal.

The report was received and the Canon adopted, and introduced after Canon XIII as Canon XIV, the numbers of the Canons following being changed accordingly.

The Rev. S. Y. McMasters offered the following report of the Committee on the Education of the Sons of the Clergy; which, on motion, was ordered to be entered on the Journal:

The Committee, to which was referred so much of the Bishop's Address of 1856 as relates to the education of the sons of the clergy, beg leave to report further, that—

It is now proposed by the Trustees of Jubilee College to receive any, or all, of the sons of the clergy, canonically resident in the Diocese, and give to them all the benefits of the Institution, for one hundred dollars *per annum*. This your committee believe to be everything that could be desired; nor would they recommend anything more, had they any amount of funds at their disposal for that purpose.

It is hoped that clergymen will generally avail themselves of this opportunity for the education of their sons in our Diocesan College.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. Y. McMASTERS, *Chairman.*

The Standing Committee made the following report of their official acts for the past year:

The Standing Committee report the following official acts for the Conventional year 1856–7:

They signed the usual testimonials for Priests' Orders in behalf of—

Rev. C. C. Barclay,
" C. W. Dresser,
" J. H. Haven.

For Deacons' Orders in behalf of—

J. W. Osburn,
J. R. West.

They also gave their consent to the election of the Rt. Rev. W. S. Kip as Bishop of California.

SAMUEL CHASE,
President of Standing Committee, Diocese of Illinois.

The House granted leave of absence to the Rev. H. B. Whipple, assistant Secretary, on account of illness in his family, and appointed the Rev. Samuel Chase, D. D., Secretary *pro tem.*

Leave of absence was also granted to the Rev. Chas. B. Stout and the Rev. Hiram N. Bishop.

On motion,

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Convention, no salary of a clergyman in the Diocese of Illinois should be less than *seven hundred* dollars, and that earnest effort should be made to raise the minimum to this standard.

The Rev. Samuel Chase, D.D., presented the report of the Trustees of the Fund for the Support of the Episcopate. (See Appendix.)

The House unanimously agreed to dispense with a ballot in the election of "The Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Illinois," and, on motion, the present officers be re-elected, viz.:

Rev. Samuel Chase, D.D.,
" Charles Dresser,
H. S. Austin,
Matthew Griswold,
R. F. Seabury.

The Auditing Committee reported the account of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund as correct. (See Appendix.)

On motion, it was—

Ordered, That the Secretary cause to be printed 750 copies of the Journal, and send two copies to each of the members of the Convention, and one copy to every ten communicants in each parish, and the usual copies to the Bishops, Secretaries of Convention, and periodicals of the Church; and that he cause to be printed 500 extra copies of the Bishop's Address, in separate pamphlet form, and that every clergyman in the Diocese be requested to read the same in his pulpit; and likewise 700 extra copies of the Constitution and Canons.

The following preamble and resolutions were then presented and adopted, viz.:

"*Whereas*, The Trustees of the Diocese have not fixed the salary of the Bishop, and,

"*Whereas*, Canon XIII makes ample provision for that purpose,

"*Resolved*, That the salary of the Bishop for 1857–8, and for all future time, until otherwise ordered, be not less than two thousand dollars per annum, besides house rent, (which, it is understood, will be provided for in Chicago,) and that for this sum, the Convention will hold itself responsible."

On motion, unanimously

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the rector and congregation of St. Paul's Church, Peoria, for their hospitality to the members of this Convention.

The Committee on the Organization of Parishes reported that they had examined a certificate presented to them by N. Hotchkiss, Jun. Warden, and F. A. Hotchkiss, Clerk of Trinity Church, Belvidere, and recommend that the said Church be admitted into union with this Convention. The report was accepted, and Trinity Church, Belvidere, admitted into union with this Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That the reading of the minutes be dispensed with, and that they be prepared for the Journal by the Bishop and assistant Secretary.

The Treasurer of the Trustees of the Diocese presented his report, which, on motion, was referred to

the Auditing Committee, who, after examination, reported the same as correct. (See Appendix.)

On motion,

Resolved, That after the usual suitable religious exercises, the Convention adjourn *sine die.*

The Bishop then made a parting address. The *Gloria in Excelsis* was sung, and, after appropriate collects and the Benediction by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned *sine die.*

HENRY J. WHITEHOUSE,

Bishop of the Diocese of Illinois.

SAMUEL D. PULFORD,

Secretary of Convention.

OFFICERS OF THE DIOCESE AND CONVENTION.

BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE AND *ex officio* PRESIDENT OF THE CONVENTION.

RT. REV. HENRY J. WHITEHOUSE, D.D.

SECRETARY OF THE CONVENTION.

REV. SAMUEL D. PULFORD.

TREASURER OF THE CONVENTION.

REV. THEODORE N. MORRISON.

TREASURER OF THE MISSIONARY FUND.

REV. THEODORE N. MORRISON.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

REV. R. H. CLARKSON, D.D.,
REV. SAMUEL CHASE, D.D.,
" N. H. SCHENCK,
J. W. CHICKERING,
D. J. ELY,
S. H. TREAT.

TRUSTEES OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH FOR THE DIOCESE OF ILLINOIS.

REV. SAMUEL CHASE, D.D.,
" CHARLES DRESSER,
H. S. AUSTIN,
MATT. GRISWOLD,
R. F. SEABURY.

DEPUTIES TO GENERAL CONVENTION.

REV. S. Y. McMASTERS, LL.D.,
" J. W. CLARK,
" SAMUEL CHASE, D.D.,
" CHARLES P. CLARK,
ALEX. G. TYNG,
JOHN ROGERS,
R. P. LANE,
S. H. TREAT.

VISITORS OF JUBILEE COLLEGE.

REV. ROBERT H. CLARKSON, D.D.,
" JOHN W. CRACRAFT,
" THEO. N. MORRISON,
" FRANCIS B. NASH,
JOHN H. KINZIE,
WASHINGTON COCKLE,
JUDGE BERDAN,
J. L. REYNOLDS,
J. W. CHICKERING.

APPENDIX.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

T. N. Morrison, *in Account with Convention*, 1856–7.

		Dr.	Cr.
1856.			
Sept. 10	To Balance from Dr. Chase, ...	$40 94	
	" Cash from sundry delinquent parishes for 1854–5, ...	84 29	
	" Cash from the following parishes:		
	Trinity Church, Aurora, ...	3 50	
	Christ Church, Waukegan, ...	3 25	
	St. John's, Lockport, ...	3 62	
	Zion Church, Providence, ...	3 50	
	St. Jude's, Tiskilwa, ...	1 50	
	Emmanuel Church, Rockford, ..	8 13	
	Trinity Church, Chicago, ...	23 25	
Oct. 7	Trinity Church, Jacksonville, ..	6 00	
Nov. 12	Zion Church, Mendon, ...	3 75	
13	St. James', Chicago, ...	31 00	
15	Christ Church, Robin's Nest, ..	9 25	
17	Christ Church, Waverly, ...	1 40	
19	St. Stephens', Pittsfield, ...	2 75	
24	Zion Church, Brimfield, ...	2 00	
Dec. 12	Grace Church, Galena, ...	12 00	
20	Christ Church, Limestone, ...	3 25	
	Calvary Church, Farmington, ..	3 25	
1857.			
Jan. 15	St. Paul's, Alton, ...	7 00	
28	St. John's, Albion, ...	4 37	
Feb. 14	St. Paul's, Lee Centre, ...	1 62	
26	Christ Church, Wyoming, ...	2 75	
April 16	Grace Church, Chicago, ...	12 50	
20	St. Andrews', Farm Ridge, ...	3 38	
July 21	St. Luke's, Kickapoo, ...	3 25	
Aug. 13	St. Ansgarius', Chicago, ...	16 13	
24	St. Peter's, Chesterfield, ...	1 00	
1856.			
Sept. 11	By Cash to Dr. Chase, ...		$4 59
Oct. 7	" Cash to Treas. of Gen. Con., ..		72 00
Nov. 13	" Cash to S. D. Pulford, ...		34 00
	Carried forward,	$298 63	$110 59

		Dr.	Cr.
	Brought forward, ...	$298 63	$110 59
1857.			
Jan. 2	By Cash for Printing Journal, ...		143 70
July 29	" Cash to Treas. of Gen. Con., ..		24 00
Oct. 21	" Cash for Stationery, &c., ...		9 24
	" Bill from Dr. Chase, ...		5 50
	" Balance, ...		5 60
		$298 63	$298 63

T. N. MORRISON, *Treasurer.*

October 21, 1857.

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

The Trustees of the Episcopate Fund held a meeting on the second day of May, 1857, and organized by the election of Rev. Samuel Chase, President, Rev. Charles Dresser, Secretary, and Matthew Griswold, Treasurer.

Acting under instructions of the Convention, they proceeded to assess the several Parishes for the traveling expenses of the Bishop for the year 1856–7.

A copy of the assessment as determined is herewith submitted.

The Trustees also took into consideration the matter of endowment, and appointed a Committee with power to employ an agent for the purpose of raising a sufficient Fund.

But the Committee failed in their efforts to procure a suitable person to act as agent.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL CHASE,

Pres. of Trustees of the Fund for support of Episcopate.

The undersigned, a committee on the part of the Trustees of the Episcopate Fund, in the Diocese of Illinois, to assess upon the ve Parishes thereof, the sum of five hundred dollars, for the Bishop's

traveling expenses, as required by the action of the last Convention; and instructed by the Board to make the basis of such assessment the *ability* of the parishes, rather than the number of communicants, and to confine themselves to such Parishes as shall have received Episcopal services or visitations during the year 1855–6, herewith present the result of their action.

The Committee would respectfully request the Parishes to forward their several quotas with as little delay as possible to Matt. Griswold, Esq., Peoria, Treasurer to the Board.

June 1*st*, 1857. CHARLES DRESSER, RICHARD F. SEABURY, } *Committee.*

Alton, St. Paul's	$20.00
Aurora, Trinity	6.00
Albion, St. John's	5.00
Batavia, Calvary	5.00
Bloomington, St. Matthew's	10.00
Brimfield, Zion	3.00
Chester, St. Mark's	10.00
Chesterfield, St. Peter's	4.00
Chicago, St. James'	50.00
" Trinity	35.00
" Ansgarius	10.00
" Atonement	20.00
" Grace	25.00
" St. John's	15.00
Dixon, St. Luke's	5.00
Farm Ridge, St. Andrew's	5.00
Farmington, Calvary	5.00
Freeport, Zion	10.00
Galena, Grace	20.00
Geneva, St. Mark's	5.00
Grand Detour, St. Peter's	5.00
Jacksonville, Trinity	15.00
Joliet, Christ	$10.00
Lee Centre, St. Paul's	10.00
Limestone, Christ	8.00
Lockport, St. John's	10.00
Mendon, Zion	5.00
Ottawa, Christ	15.00
Pekin, St. Paul's	7.00
Peoria, St. Paul's	20.00
Pittsfield, St. Stephen's	8.00
Peru, St. Paul's	10.00
Pre-emption, Grace	5 00
Quincy, St. John's	20.00
Rockford, Emmanuel	15.00
Robin's Nest, Christ	12.00
Rock Island, Trinity	10.00
Springfield, St. Paul's	20.00
Sycamore, St. Peter's	4.00
Tiskilwa, St. Jude's	8.00
Warsaw, St. Paul's	10.00
Waverly, Christ	4.00
Waukegan, Christ	10.00

Dr. T. N. MORRISON, Treasurer, *in account with Diocesan Missionary Association*, 1856–7. Cr.

1856.	To Cash from the following Churches and Individuals:	
Nov. 15	St. Matthew's, Bloomington	$1 18
" 15	Christ Church, Robin's Nest	15 36
" 24	Trinity, Jacksonville	15 15
" 26	Woodstock	2 25
Dec. 1	Christ Church, Jolict	8 00
" 3	St. James', Chicago	100 00
" 3	St. Ansgarius', Chicago	12 00
" 16	St. Stephen's, Pittsfield	5 00
" 26	Trinity, Jacksonville	5 00
1857.		
Jan. 3	Christ Church, Robin's Nest	17 57
" 12	Christ Church, Limestone	7 11
" 12	Sunday School of same	5 88
" 12	Calvary, Farmington	17 50
" 12	M. S. Marsh, Lancaster, Cass county	10 00
" 14	St. Paul's, Springfield	30 00
" 14	Rev. Dudley Chase, Chicago	10 00
" 30	St. Mark's, Chester	10 00
Feb. 2	Grace, Chicago	40 00
" 6	St. John's, Lockport	2 00
" 9	Rev. X. Alanson Welton	5 00
" 17	Sunday School of the Church of the Atonement, Chicago	12 00
" 17	St. Paul's, Peru	6 00
" 19	Christ Church, Waukegan	10 00
" 21	St. Luke's, Wyoming	2 25
" 26	Zion, Mendon	9 00
" 27	Christ Church, Robin's Nest	25 00
March 2		

1856.	By Cash to the following Missionaries:	
Nov. 25	Rev. S. D. Pulford	$25 00
Dec. 4	" J. H. Waterbury	37 50
" 4	" G. S. Porter	25 00
" 4	" William L. Bostwick	31 25
" 4	" A. J. Warner	31 25
1857.		
Jan. 3	" S. D. Pulford	25 00
" 12	" John Benson	30 23
" 12	" X. Alanson Welton	20 00
" 14	" John Benson	7 53
" 14	" Robert Ryall	31 25
" 14	" X. Alanson Welton	10 00
Feb. 3	" S. D. Pulford	20 00
" 3	" William L. Bostwick	20 00
" 9	" X. Alanson Welton	5 00
" 17	" William L. Bostwick	12 00
" 23	" X. Alanson Welton	15 00
March 2	" J. H. Waterbury	25 00
" 2	" X. Alanson Welton	35 00
" 3	" S. D. Pulford	20 00
" 3	" A. J. Warner	20 09
April 21	" William L. Bostwick	20 00
" 23	" John Benson	16 78
May 4	" John Benson	30 00
" 4	" A. J. Warner	30 00
" 4	" J. H. Waterbury	25 00
" 9	" S. D. Pulford	30 00
" 10	" J. H. Waterbury	6 00
" 20	" J. H. Waterbury	22 28

" 2	St. John's, Quincy	35 00
" 2	St. Paul's, Peoria	40 58
" 10	St. Matthew's, Cambridge	3 00
April 13	Trinity, Jacksonville	13 00
" 20	Christ Church, Joliet	15 00
" 20	St. Matthew's, Cambridge	1 35
" 23	Christ Church, Ottawa	16 15
" 23	Christ Church, Limestone	16 78
May 2	St. James', Chicago	100 00
" 2	St. Matthew's, Bloomington	7 30
" 9	St. Matthew's, Bloomington	10 00
" 10	Calvary, Batavia	6 00
" 19	Grace, Galena	22 28
June 14	Calvary, Farmington	13 10
" 26	Atonement, Chicago	25 00
July 8	St. Peter's, Sycamore	11 00
" 21	Emmanuel, Rockford	17 75
Aug. 13	St. Ansgarius', Chicago	10 10
" 17	Zion, Mendon	4 00
" 17	St. Stephen's, Pittsfield	2 35
" 21	Grace, Galena	21 13
Sept. 5	St. Paul's, Lee Centre	25 00
" 8	St. John's, Decatur	5 00
Oct. 21	St. John's, Albion	5 00
" 21	St. Paul's, Peru	10 00
" 21	St. Peter's, Grand Detour	5 00
" 21	Collection at Convention	29 05
		$853 17

June 14	" John Benson	13 10
" 23	" John Benson	14 86
" 27	" S. D. Pulford	30 00
July 8	" J. H. Waterbury	11 00
" 21	" J. H. Waterbury	23 22
" 29	" A. J. Warner	20 00
Aug. 8	" A. J. Warner	5 00
" 21	" W. L. Bostwick	25 13
" 31	" S. D. Pulford	15 00
Sept. 5	" J. H. Waterbury	25 00
Oct. 10	By Discount on uncurrent money	10 00
" 10	" Cash for Printing Circular, Postage and Exchange	3 76
" 21	" " paid Rev. Charles J. Todd	5 00
" 21	" " " " A. J. Warner	10 00
" 23	" " " " William L. Bostwick	15 94
		$853 17

THEODORE N. MORRISON, *Treasurer.*

October 21, 1857.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Matthew Griswold, *in Account with Trustees of the Episcopate Fund*, 1856–7.

		Dr.	Cr.
To Cash received of the following parishes, for Bishop's traveling expenses:			
St. Paul's	Peoria	$20 00	
Christ Church, per Rev. S. Chase,	Waukegan.	8 75	
St. Stephen's, " "	Pittsfield	15 00	
" " " Rev. J. Warner		3 00	
Grace Church	Chicago	25 00	
St. Mark's	Chester	10 00	
Christ Church	Limestone	8 00	
" "	Robin's Nest	12 00	
St. Jude's	Tiskilwa	8 00	
St. Ansgarius'	Chicago	10 00	
Christ Church	Waukegan	10 00	
" "	Waverly	4 00	
St. Peter's	Chesterfield	4 00	
Christ Church	Joliet	10 00	
Zion	Brimfield	3 00	
St. Paul's (in part)	Lee Centre	5 00	
Christ Christ	Aurora	6 75	
St. John's	Chicago	15 00	
Calvary	Farmington	5 00	
St. Paul's	Warsaw	10 00	
Zion	Freeport	10 00	
Atonement	Chicago	20 00	
Trinity	Jacksonville	15 00	
St. John's	Albion	5 00	
Trinity Church	Chicago	35 00	
St. James'	"	50 00	
St. Paul's	Alton	20 00	
St. Stephen's	Pittsfield	8 00	
Grace Church	Galena	20 00	
St. Peter's	Sycamore	4 00	
By paid Rev. S. Chase, amount bill Printing Assessment			$2 50
Balance			377 00
		$379 50	$379 50
Balance	$377 00		
To cash from Emmanuel Ch., Rockford,	15 00		
" St. Paul's, Springfield,	20 00		
	$412 00		

M. GRISWOLD, *Treasurer.*

October 21 1857.

LIST OF DELINQUENT PARISHES.

The following parishes are delinquent in assessment for contingent expenses for conventional year, 1856–7 :

Calvary Church, Batavia	$1 88
St. Luke's, Dixon	1 25
St. Mark's, Geneva	2 63
St. Peter's, Grand Detour	2 13
Trinity, Rock Island	4 00
St. Luke's, Kickapoo	3 25
St. John's, Lockport	3 63
Zion Church, Mendon	3 63

The following parishes are delinquent in assessment for contingent expenses for conventional years, 1855–6–7 :

St. John's, Algonquin	$6 25
St. Andrew's, Beardstown	1 50
St. Paul's, Carlinville	2 50
St. Peter's, Chesterfield	4 75
Christ Church, Collinsville	7 25
St. Andrew's, Edwardsville	1 25
Christ Church, Erindale	9 50
St. Mark's, La Salle	1 50
Christ Church, Metamora	4 50
Trinity Church, Mt. Sterling	2 75
Christ Church, Moline	3 00
St. John's, Naperville	1 50
St. Paul's, Pekin	3 00
Grace Church, Preëmption	8 75
Christ Church, Rushville	6 00
St. Paul's, St. Charles	2 50
Christ Church, Tremont	2 25
Grace Church, Vandalia	1 50

ABSTRACT OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

LOCATION.	CHURCH.	NAMES OF CLERGY.	No. of Families.	No. of Souls.	Baptisms. Adults.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Total.	Confirmed.	Marriages.	Burials.	Communicants. Added anew	Communicants. Remo'd into Parish.	Communicants. Remo'd from Parish.	Communicants. Died.	Communicants. Total Present No.
Albion	St. John's	Rev. B. Hutchins	30	100		13	13		2	20	10		2		35
Altoo	St. Paul's	S. Y. McMasters, LL. D.	60	500	3	25	28	8	8	14	9	3	4	1	63
Aurora*	Trinity	R. S. Nash	45												28
Arcadia*	Messiah		10	50											
Batavia	Calvary	C. H. Albert	13	44											12
Belvidere	Trinity	E. B. Tuttle	15	95	1	1	2		1	2		8	4	2	20
Bloomington	St. Matthew's	Jonathan H. Haven	33	81	2	5	7	7	4	3			1		34
Brimfield*	Zion		8	50											16
Beardstown	St. Andrew's														1
Chicago	St. James'	Robt. H. Clarkson, D.D.	211	1150	4	47	51	24	26	34					260
"	Trinity	N. H. Schenck	115	410	3	25	28	10	17	15	25				121
"	Atonement	Dudley Chase	100	308	3	39	42	18	18	23	9	12	21		86
"	Grace	John W. Clark	120	600	8	21	24	11	13	4	12	61	32	2	140
"	St. Ansgarius'	G. Unonius	65	296		47	47	6	20	19	6	25	4	4	142
"	Christ	N. H. Schenck, in charge	9	30									3		11
"	Ch. Hol. Com.	H. B. Whipple	21	100		4	4		1	10	6	26	2		30
"	St. John's	H. N. Bishop	85	450	6	30	36	34	6	14	38	24	6	1	72
Carlinville*	St. Paul's														8
Cambridge	St. Matthew's	Samuel Goodale	10	50		2	2								11
Chester	St. Mark's	Wm. Mitchell, M.D.	24	125	3	7	10		3	3		3	3		38
Chesterfield	St. Peter's	D. W. Dresser	18	95											7
Collinsville	Christ					4	4								20
Dixon	St. Luke's	J. G. Downing	16	54		4	4		1						17
Decatur	St. John's	Wm. L. Bostwick	25	120		1	1	4		3	3	6		1	22
Edwardsville	St. Andrew's														
Erindale*	Christ														36
Farmington	Calvary	John Benson	14	49	3	6	8	10	2	1	6	4	2		31
Farm Ridge	St. Andrew's	Jas. A. Woodward	30	100											25
Freeport	Zion	James L. Grover	40	100		1	1		1	1		3			25
Geneseo	Trinity	Samuel Goodale	15	50				3			6				8
Galena	Grace	T. N. Benedict	85	400	14	59	73	10	5	13	14	10	14	2	104
Geneva	St. Mark's	C. A. Albert	17	30											12
Grand Detour	St. Peter's	C. J. Todd	14	50		3	3		1	3	1				18
Jacksonville	Trinity	Theodore N. Morrison	30	175	8	1	9	5	3	7	5	5	3		61
Joliet	Christ	J. DeW. C. Locke	56	250	3	31	34	20	7	7	28		18	1	40
Kickapoo	St. Luke's														26
Kewanee	St. Paul's	O. E. Peters	19	100		2	2		1	2					10
Lockport	St. John's	E. B. Seaman	28	100	2	0	11	4		3		1	1	1	28
LaSalle	St. Mark's														
Limestone	Christ	John Benson	16	59		5	5		3	3		6	1	1	28
Lee Centre	St. Paul's	James Bentley	22	96		4	4	1	4		5	8	5		21
Mendon	Zion	H. H. Farmar	18	92		7	7		2	1	4		1	1	32
Metamora*	Christ														25
Mt. Sterling*	Trinity														11
Moline*	Grace														7
Morris	St. Thomas'	J. DeW. C. Locke			3	5	8	3							16
Manhattan	St. Paul's	Chas. D. Stout	20	100											18
Naperville	St. John's														
Oswego*	St. John's														8
Ottawa	Christ	Chas. P. Clark	80	400	6	13	19	15	15	20	14	8	9	1	83
Pekin	St. Paul's	George Sayres	30	100	1	3	4	2	2	5	6	3	1		28
Peoria	St. Paul's														
Pittsfield	St. Stephen's	Robt. Ryall	41	224		6	6	9	1		9	1			45
Pre-emption	Grace		55	250											66
Peru	St. Paul's	A. J. Warner	10	65		5	5	1	2	5	3	4	19	2	15
Princeton	Redeemer	F. D. Nash	12	60	1	2	3	1	1	1	2	1			16
Providence	Zion	F. B. Nash	20	70											28
Quincy	St. John's	Wm. Rudder	106	500	1	2	3	16	2	4					130
Rockford	Emmanuel	Anson Clark	66	300		13	13		7	7	1	8	16	1	56
Robin's Nest	Christ	Samuel Chase, D.D.	23	150		14	14	4			5	7	6		80
Rock Island*	Trinity	Henry Stanley	30	150											32
Rushville	Christ														26
Springfield	St. Paul's	Lewis P. Clover	70	200		10	10		3	10		5			68
St. Charles	St. Paul's		10	40											6
Sycamore	St. Peter's	Julius H. Waterbury	30	180		14	14	7		2	12	6	4	1	25
Tiskilwa	St. Jude's	F. B. Nash	11	40		2	2		1	5			1	1	15
Tremont*	Christ														9
Wyoming	St. Luke's	Philander Chase	8	40		2	2			5	7	7	1	1	18
Waverly	Christ	D. W. Dresser	9	40		3	3		1	1			1		8
Waukegan	Christ	Sylvester Nash	49	154		7	7		5	11	7	4	2		31
Warsaw	St. Paul's	Lyman N. Freeman	35	125	4	15	19	14	5	11	29	12	3	1	41
Warren	St. Paul's														
Woodstock	Miss'y Station	Rev. S. O. Pulford	5	25					1	1		1	2		3
		Rev. Asa Griswold rep'ts				10	*10								
Kankakee	Miss'y Station	Rev. T. T. Castleman								4					
		Rev. Orrin Miller reports				1	1								
* Taken from former Reports.		Totals	2166	9462	74	529	603	247	201	297	260	272	192	25	2640

LOCATION.	CHURCH.	Catechists and S. S. Teachers.	Catechumens. Children taught Catechism openly in Church.	Catechumens. No. of times.	Catechumens. Members of other classes for relig. ins.	Catechumens. Sund. Sch'rs not included in foregoing.	Tot'l No. of young persons instruc'd.	Celebration of Divine Service. No. of times on Sundays.	Celebration of Divine Service. Holy Days.	Celebration of Divine Service. Other Days.	Celebration of Divine Service. Total.	The Holy Communion. No. of times celebrated in public.	The Holy Communion. No. of times celebrated in private.
Albion	St. John's			20				64	6		70	15	
Altoo	St. Paul's		30	5	20	15	65	100	3	2	105	11	
Aurora*	Trinity												
Arcadia*	Messiah												
Batavia	Calvary												
Belvidere	Trinity	6				36	36	10		2	12	2	
Bloomington	St. Matthew's						6	70			70	1	
Brimfield*	Zion												
Beardstown	St. Andrew's												
Chicago	St. James'					270	270	104	13	27	144	13	7
"	Trinity					100	100	100			100	10	
"	Atonement	14				100		115	5	2	122	8	
"	Grace	10	50	24		50	50	114	22	23	159	14	
"	St. Ansgarius'	13				90	90	84	12	7	103	6	2
"	Christ							23			23	1	
"	Ch. Hol. Com.	6	20	16			20	62	2	4	68	6	
"	St. John's	20			30	150	180	104		50	154	12	2
Carlinville*	St. Paul's												
Cambridge	St. Matthew's							26			26	2	
Chester	St. Mark's	2	10	6		20	30	52		8	60	12	2
Chesterfield	St. Peter's							46			46	1	
Collinsville	Christ												
Dixon	St. Luke's											3	
Decatur	St. John's	6		12	8	40	48	60			60	6	1
Edwardsville	St. Andrew's												
Erindale*	Christ												
Farmington	Calvary		7	1			7	22		1	23	10	
Farm Ridge	St. Andrew's	8				36		10			10	2	
Freeport	Zion	8				33	33	50			50	5	
Geneseo	Trinity							28			26	3	
Galena	Grace	10				68	68	104	24	27	155	14	3
Geneva	St. Mark's												
Grand Detour	St. Peter's						70	47	3		60	8	
Jacksonville	Trinity	6					30	104	4	12	120	14	
Joliet	Christ	8				60	60	104	5	13	122	17	
Kickapoo	St. Luke's												
Kewanee	St. Paul's	7					35	60			60	6	
Lockport	St. John's	5			10	30	40	50		2	52	5	
LaSalle	St. Mark's												
Limestone	Christ	6	14	10		13	27	35	3	1	39	12	1
Lee Centre	St. Paul's	4				25		90		29	119	8	1
Mendon	Zion	5				23	23	88	6	13	107	9	
Metamora*	Christ												
Mt. Sterling*	Trinity												
Moline*	Grace												
Morris	St. Thomas'							2		18	20	2	
Manhattan	St. Paul's												
Naperville	St. John's												
Oswego*	St. John's												
Ottawa	Christ	8		12		50	50	97	3	10	110	14	
Pekin	St. Paul's	5	18	37		24	40	02	6	6	104	10	1
Peoria	St. Paul's												
Pittsfield	St. Stephen's	2	14	50	7		21	104			104	15	
Pre-emption	Grace												
Peru	St. Paul's		15				15	55	3		58	8	
Princeton	Redeemer	6	15				15	41			41	2	
Providence	Zion							10		1	11	1	
Quincy	St. John's	20				90	90	75		15	90	10	
Rockford	Emmanuel	13				50	50	102	14	1	117	13	1
Robin's Nest	Christ	12	35	40		30	70	92	9		101	14	
Rock Island*	Trinity												
Rushville	Christ												
Springfield	St. Paul's	3	30	6			30	60	5		85	7	
St. Charles	St. Paul's												
Sycamore	St. Peter's	5	30	6	10		40	68	3	8	77	5	1
Tiskilwa	St. Jude's							42	1	5	48	2	
Tremont*	Christ												
Wyoming	St. Luke's	6				18	18	50			50	6	1
Waverly	Christ	4					12	58	5		63	1	
Waukegan	Christ	6				44	44	96	3	6	105	8	
Warsaw	St. Paul's	5	40	62			40	104		6	110	11	1
Warren	St. Paul's												
Woodstock	Miss'y Station	5				25	25	28				3	
	(Rev. Asa Griswold rep'ts)												
Kankakee	Miss'y Station												
	(Rev. Orrin Miller reports)												
Totals		239	326	298	85	490	1838	3098	160	299	3529	370	24

LOCATION.	CHURCH.	Contributions. Fund for the support of the Episcopate.	Fund for the contingent expenses of Convention.	Foreign Missions.	Domestic Missions.	Diocesan Missions.	Offerings at the Holy Communion.	Parish Purposes.	Other Contributions for Church purposes.	Total.
Albion	St. John's	$27 00	$5 63		$9 30	$5 00	$20 00	$31 00		$97 98
Altoo	St. Paul's		7 88		10 00	17 00	75 00	7,000 00	50 00	7,159 88
Aurora*	Trinity									
Arcadia*	Messiah									
Batavia	Calvary			$3 00		6 00	1 35	200 00		210 35
Belvidere	Trinity						4 00	2,550 00		2,554 00
Bloomington	St. Matthew's		9 60				77 22	519 72		606 54
Brimfield*	Zion									
Beardstown	St. Andrew's									
Chicago	St. James'	52 00	32 00		1,615 60	200 00	1,269 45	22,500 00	1,254 25	26,925 70
"	Trinity	35 00	31 67	329 00			44 19	4,000 00	443 00	4,882 86
"	Atonement	20 00	10 00	27 00	16 00	50 00	61 00	754 00	40 00	977 50
"	Grace	25 00	12 50		42 00	40 00	221 21	7,347 00	75 00	7,762 71
"	St. Ansgarius'	10 00	16 13	7 50	16 00	21 89	45 00	759 90		875 42
"	Christ		1 88				1 49			3 87
"	Ch. Hol. Com.						107 83	900 00		1,007 83
"	St. John's	15 00		25 00	25 00		30 00	8,168 11	100 00	8,363 11
Carlinville*	St. Paul's									
Cambridge	St. Matthew's			2 48		8 75				11 23
Chester	St. Mark's	10 00	9 35		10 00					20 35
Chesterfield	St. Peter's	4 00	1 00					70 00		81 00
Collinsville	Christ									
Dixon	St. Luke's						7 50			7 60
Decatur	St. John's		5 00			5 00	14 22	142 50		161 72
Edwardsville	St. Andrew's									
Erindale*	Christ									
Farmington	Calvary	6 00	3 88	15 65		30 60	21 55		22 15	108 83
Farm Ridge	St. Andrew's		5 70				6 58	12 14		23 42
Freeport	Zion	10 00					18 10			20 16
Geneseo	Trinity									
Galena	Grace	20 00	12 00		24 25	43 41	106 84	339 47	187 65	683 62
Geneva	St. Mark's									
Grand Detour	St. Peter's			8 14		5 65		52 00		63 79
Jacksonville	Trinity		7 63	23 00		33 00	60 00	675 00		708 63
Joliet	Christ	10 00	3 20			24 00	95 30	3,000 00		3,182 50
Kickapoo	St. Luke's									
Kewanee	St. Paul's						16 09			16 09
Lockport	St. John's			2 00	3 00	2 00	7 84		1 45	16 29
LaSalle	St. Mark's									
Limestone	Christ	8 00	3 50	10 95	6 85	28 49	17 54	39 04	4 00	118 37
Lee Centre	St. Paul's	5 00	1 62				31 25	486 42		524 29
Mendon	Zion		3 75	5 00		13 00	11 05			32 80
Metamora*	Christ									
Mt. Sterling*	Trinity									
Moline*	Grace									
Morris	St. Thomas'									
Manhattan	St. Paul's									
Naperville	St. John's									
Oswego*	St. John's									
Ottawa	Christ			9 00	15 00	16 00	66 34	100 00		206 34
Pekin	St. Paul's	2 75	1 50	1 10	2 50	1 60	20 04	8 00	8 00	45 39
Peoria	St. Paul's									
Pittsfield	St. Stephen's	8 00			2 00				95 00	105 00
Pre-emption	Grace									
Peru	St. Paul's		2 00			18 00	20 00	240 00	68 00	348 00
Princeton	Redeemer	3 00			8 00		3 00			9 00
Providence	Zion									
Quincy	St. John's	20 00	10 00		75 00		50 91	188 32		344 23
Rockford	Emmanuel	15 00	7 00	25 00		17 75	26 64	435 00	40 00	466 39
Robin's Nest	Christ	12 00	10 00		40 00	54 93	78 33	319 00	5 00	519 26
Rock Island*	Trinity									
Rushville	Christ									
Springfield	St. Paul's	20 00				30 00	159 80	92 00		301 80
St. Charles	St. Paul's									
Sycamore	St. Peter's	4 00	3 12	4 50	3 00	11 00	7 12	2,400 00		2,432 74
Tiskilwa	St. Jude's	6 00	3 00		7 00		5 00		60 00	60 00
Tremont*	Christ									
Wyoming	St. Luke's			14 00				500 00		514 00
Waverly	Christ	4 00	2 00	8 00	7 00			139 00		160 00
Waukegan	Christ	10 00	4 00	28 00		10 00	67 26	188 00	133 23	427 49
Warsaw	St. Paul's	10 00	4 25		13 40		30 25	60 00		117 90
Warren	St. Paul's									
Woodstock	Miss'y Station						5 00			5 00
	(Rev. Asa Griswold rep'ts)									
Kankakee	Miss'y Station									
	(Rev. Orrin Miller reports)									
Totals		$369 75	$230 79	$546 32	$1,944 80	$690 97	$2,898 25	$64,218 72	$2,536 73	$73,344 33

PAROCHIAL AND CLERICAL REPORTS,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER, 1857.

Albion, St. John's, ... *Rev. Benjamin Hutchins.*

Number of families, 30; number of souls, 100.

Baptisms—infant, 13; marriages, 2; burials, 20; communicants, 35; added anew, 10; removed from the parish, 2; present number, 45.

Catechumens—number uncertain.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 64; holy days, 6.

The holy communion—celebrated in public monthly and on Festivals.

Contributions—fund for support of the Episcopate and traveling expenses, $17; fund for contingent expenses of the convention, $5.63; domestic missions, $9.30; diocesan, $5; offerings at communion, $20; parish purposes, $31; total, $87.93.

A suspension of the relationship of the present Rector, as such, and the non-introduction of a successor, causes the present report to be deficient in many necessary items of intelligence.

Alton, St. Paul's, *Rev. S. Y. McMasters, D.D. LL.D.*

Number of families, 60; number of souls, 500.

Baptisms—adult, 3; infant, 25; confirmed, 8; marriages, 8; burials, 14; communicants—added anew, 9; removed into the parish, 3; removed from the parish, 4; died, 1; present number, 63.

Catechumens—children taught the Catechism openly in the church, 30; number of times, 5; members of other classes for religious instruction, 20; Sunday scholars, 15; total number of young persons instructed, 65.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 2; holy days, 3; other days, 2; total, 105.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated in public, 11.

Contributions—fund for the contingent expenses of the convention, $7.87½; domestic missions, $10; diocesan, $17; offerings at communion, $75; parish purposes, $7,000; charity, about $50; total, $7,159.87.

Beside the public services of the church, the rector has services twice every Sunday in the State Prison.

The contributions of the past year to diocesan and general purposes have been almost nothing, in consequence of the great demands on the congregation for building our new church, which is now completed.

Batavia, Calvary, ... *Rev. C. H. Albert.*

Number of families, 13; number of souls, 44.

Communicants, 12.

Contributions—offerings at communion, $1.35.

The present Rector has been supplying this parish since the 9th of July, 1857. Service is held regularly every Sunday morning. The average attendance on the services is about 17.

Belvidere, Trinity, ... *Rev. E. B. Tuttle.*

Number of families, 15.

Baptisms—adult, 1; infant, 1; marriages, 1; burials, 2; communicants—removed into the parish, 8; removed from the parish, 4; died, 2; present number, 20.

Catechists and Sunday school teachers, 6; Sunday scholars, 36.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 10; other days, 2.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated in public, 2.

Contributions—offerings at communion, $4; parish purposes, $50; for church edifice, $2,500; total, $2,554.

This report was made up by one of the Wardens, and shows the remarkable fact of a neat church erected, and nearly finished, in the absence of any clergyman for some six years. It is a Gothic structure, of wood, with stained glass windows. A bell, font, organ, and parish library, are much needed.

The Rector, having been a resident of the parish for one week, is unable to judge of its extent for usefulness, but hopes to have it in his power to give a good account of his services another year, should Providence indicate the place as the field of his continued labor.

Bloomington, St. Matthew's, . *Rev. Jonathan H. Haven.*

Number of families, 33; number of souls, 81.

Baptisms—adult, 2; infant, 5; confirmed, 7; marriages, 4;

burials, 3; communicants—removed from the parish, 1; present number, 14.

Celebration of divine service, every Lord's day; number of times on Sundays, 2.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated in public, 1.

Contributions—fund for the contingent expenses of the Convention, $9.60; offerings at communion, $77.22; parish purposes, $519.72; total in eight months, $606.54.

When I took charge of this parish eight months ago, they were without any place of worship, having just before lost their beautiful hall, with all its contents, by fire. But on my arrival, a hall was procured in the third story of a building somewhat difficult of access and badly seated, where we have continued to worship until the present time.

During the past seven months, the church has raised on subscription, $1,000 for current expenses, and something over $3,000 on subscription and pledges, for the erection of a church edifice. And the ladies' society have collected and put to interest $225, for the purpose of furnishing the church when finished, and are still raising more. The vestry have procured an eligible lot on the corner of Jefferson and Prairie streets, upon which have been paid $470. The vestry, confident of their ability to build a house of worship, appointed a building committee, who procured a plan and specifications. But in view of the financial difficulties and the unexpected reduction in the price of grain, making it difficult to collect subscriptions, have concluded to proceed no further until the spring opens.

The inconvenience of the hall, and the expectation of the occupancy of the new church this fall, has been the cause of neglecting the organization of a Sabbath school up to the present. But we shall do so as soon as a suitable room can be obtained.

Cambridge, St. Matthew's, Rev. S. Goodale, Missionary.

Number of families, 10; number of souls, 50.

Baptisms—infant, 2; communicants, 11.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on every alternate Sunday, 2.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated, 2.

Contributions—foreign missions, $2.48; diocesan, $8.75; total, $11.23.

Here are several well established church families who seem to appreciate church privileges.

There is not, however, much probability that the parish can grow, except from an increase of the village. My services here date from May, 1857.

Chester, St. Mark's, ... *Rev. Wm. Mitchell.*

Number of families, 22 to 25; number of souls, 100 to 150.

Baptisms—adult, 3; infant, 7; marriages, 3; burials, 3; communicants—removed into the parish, 3; removed from the parish, 3; present number, 38.

Catechists and Sunday school teachers, 2; children taught the catechism openly in the church, 8 to 10; number of times, 5; Sunday scholars, 15 to 30.

Celebration of divine service—on Sundays, every forenoon, 10½ A. M.; holy days, twice; other days, every Friday in Lent.

The holy communion—on first Sunday in every month; number of times celebrated in public, 12; in private, 2.

Contributions—fund for support of the Episcopate, $10; fund for contingent expenses of the convention, $9.35; domestic missions, $10; total, $29.35.

The report of the small number of Sunday services, is owing to the inconvenience of attending oftener by those residing in the country, and the feeble state of my own health. Though the statistics of the parish, compared with those of former years, show a slow increase, it is in a sound and we hope prosperous condition.

Chesterfield, St. Peter's, . . . *Rev. D. W. Dresser.*

Number of families, 18; number of souls, 95.

Communicants—present number, 7.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 46.

The holy communion—celebrated in public, 1.

Contributions—Bishop's traveling expenses, $4; fund for contingent expenses of the convention, $1; parish purposes, $76; total, $81.

Chicago, St. Ansgarius', . . . *Rev. Gustaf Unonius.*

Number of families, 65; number of souls, 296.

Baptisms—infant, 47; confirmed, 6; marriages, 26; burials, 19; communicants—added anew, 6; removed into the parish, 25; removed from the parish, 4; died, 4; present number, 142.

Catechists and Sunday school teachers, (in connection with St. James' mission school,) 13; Sunday scholars, 90.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 84; holy days, 12; other days, 7; total, 103.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated in public, 8; in private, 2.

Contributions—fund for the support of the Episcopate, $10; fund for the contingent expenses of the convention, $16.13; foreign missions, $7.50; domestic, $16; diocesan, $21.89; offerings at communion, $45; parish purposes, $759.90; total, $876.42.

Chicago, Atonement, ... *Rev. Dudley Chase.*

Number of families, 100; number of souls, 308.

Baptisms—adult, 3; infant, 39; confirmed, 18; marriages, 18; burials, 23; communicants—addedanew, 9; removed into the parish, 12; removed from the parish, 21; present number, 86.

Sunday school teachers, 14; Sunday scholars, 100.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 2, and evening service part of year; all chief holy days; other days, 2.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated in public, 8.

Contributions—fund for the contingent expenses of the convention, (including traveling expenses of Bishop,) $30.50; foreign missions, $27; domestic, $15; diocesan, $50; offerings at communion, $61; parish purposes, (not including rector's salary,) $754; other contributions for church purposes, $40; rector's salary, $1,000; total, $1,977.50.

If obligations, in the shape of subscriptions and notes, are met, provision is made for the payment of $3,000 of indebtedness.

The income of the church, as reported by committee last Easter, for the year previous, was $1,651.70.

The Sunday school is now under the superintendence of Mr. L. C. Keeler, a young and energetic gentleman, who takes a true interest in the work.

The choir is remodelled under the charge of Mr. H. G. Coulson, to whom the church is under great obligations for his no less valuable than gratuitous services for several years past, and we have now all that could be desired in the way of *church music.*

The present rector contemplates a resignation of the charge of the parish at an early date. In reviewing the past seven years, since its formation, he desires to record his sense of the goodness of God, in sustaining him in the path of duty, leaving the work done *for* Him to be judged of *by* Him. May the blessing of a gracious Savior rest on all those who have dealt kindly and truly with His servant!

Chicago, Christ, ... *Rev. Noah Hunt Schenck.*

Number of families, 9; number of souls, 30.
Communicants, 11; lost by removal, 3.
Number of services during the past year, about 23.
The holy communion—administered, once.
Contributions, $3.37.

It is believed that the above report is in the main correct—though perhaps not entirely accurate—from the want of a written record.

Services were resumed in this parish August 23d, and are now held once every Sunday.

Chicago, Grace, ... *Rev. John W. Clark.*

Number of families, about 120.

Baptisms—adult, 3; infant, 21; confirmed, 11; marriages, 13; burials, 4; communicants—added anew, 12; removed into the parish, 61; removed from the parish, 32; died, 2; present number, 140.

Catechists and Sunday school teachers, 10; catechumens, 50; children taught the catechism openly in the church, 50; number of times, 24.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 114; holy days, 22; other days, 23; total, 159.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated, in public, 14.

Contributions—fund for the support of the episcopate, $25; fund for the contingent expenses of the convention, $12.50; domestic missions, $42; diocesan, $40; offerings at communion, $221.21; parish purposes, $7,347; other contributions for church purposes, $75; total, $7,762.71.

Chicago, St. James', . *Rev. Robert H. Clarkson, D. D.*

Number of families, 211; number of souls, 1,150.

Baptisms—adult, 4; infant, 47; confirmed, 24; marriages, 26; burials, 34; communicants—present number, 260.

Catechists and Sunday school teachers, 20; total number of young persons instructed, (in two schools), 270.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 104; holy days, 13; other days, 27; total, 144.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated, in public, 13; in private, 7.

Contributions—fund for the support of the episcopate, $52; fund for the contingent expenses of the convention, $32.50; domestic missions, $1,615.50; diocesan, $200; offerings at communion,

$1,269.45 ; parish purposes, $22,500 ; other contributions for church purposes, $1,254.25 ; total, $26,925.70.

The congregation are just completing their elegant new church, at a cost of $60,000, exclusive of the tower and of the ground.

The capacity of the new church will be nearly double that of the old. It will be ready for occupation in three or four weeks. We have great reason for gratitude to Almighty God for our large measure of temporal prosperity, and we trust that the spiritual condition of the parish may be as prosperous. I am happy to record the fact, that, notwithstanding the great pecuniary burden of a costly church in process of erection, the contributions of the parish for missionary and benevolent purposes, have been much larger during the past year than in any previous one.

Chicago, St. John's, ... Rev. H. N. Bishop.

Number of families, 85 ; number of souls, 450.

Baptisms—adult, 6 ; infant, 30 ; confirmed, 34 ; marriages, 6 ; burials, 14 ; communicants—added anew, 38 ; added by transfer, 24 ; total, 62 ; removed from the parish, 6 ; died, 1 ; present number, 72.

Catechists and Sunday school teachers, 20 ; children addressed and questioned by the rector every Sunday ; members of other classes for religious instruction, 30 ; Sunday scholars, enrolled, 150 ; in regular attendance, 100 ; total number of young persons instructed, 180.

Celebration of divine service—twice every Sunday, and twice a week during Lent, and once weekly during three-fourths of the year ; total, 154 ; besides these services, the rector has frequently officiated in other churches and at missionary stations.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated in public, 12 ; in private, 2.

Contributions—Sunday school purposes, $73.51 ; American Bible Society, $40 ; Chicago Industrial School, $48 ; the poor, $30 ; fund for the traveling expenses of the Bishop, $15 ; foreign missions, $25 ; Episcopal Missionary Association for the West, $25 ; missions within this Diocese, $50 ; parish purposes, $294.60 ; a member of the parish for a church at Two Rivers, Wis., $100 ; for enlargement of the church and building parsonage, $800 ; lot for a permanent church, $7,000 ; lot for a parsonage, $500 ; total, $9,901.11.

Stated collections are taken up every Sunday, except on communion Sundays, to defray incidental expenses of the parish. The communion offerings have been appropriated as above, for the poor, contingent expenses of the convention, for missions and for Sunday school purposes.

This parish was nominally organized on the 22nd February, 1856, but religious services were not held regularly till the third Sunday of May following. Through the aid of friends in Chicago, a plain church

building was at once erected, capable of seating 300 persons, and ready for occupancy on the first Sunday of September following.

Last spring the congregation had so much increased, as to require further accommodations. Accordingly, the church has been enlarged and paid for. Fifty-two new pews were added, and the church is now capable of seating 500 persons comfortably. The congregations, considering the sparseness of the population in the vicinity of the church, and its distance, a mile and a quarter, from the centre of the city, have been large, averaging in the morning about 300.

A parsonage is now in course of erection on a lot beautifully located, the generous gift to the parish of Mr. William Carpenter. It is expected that the parsonage will be finished and ready for occupancy sometime next month. It is to cost $1,900. About *three-fourths* of this expense has already been provided by subscription, more than one-half of which is already collected. The other *fourth*, one member of the Building Committee, and a most efficient helper in the parish, Mr. James F. Aldrich, has generously proposed to advance, if necessary, and wait on the congregation for his pay.

A valuable lot, 75 by 100 feet, has also been donated and deeded to the parish for a permanent church, contiguous to our present building, by Mr. Job Carpenter, who, from the beginning of St. John's parish, has been an untiring and a very efficient co-worker in promoting its interests.

Many kind friends in Chicago have greatly aided the efforts of this infant parish in the erection of its present church, and also towards building the parsonage, for all which we are truly thankful. Our hope is that the contributors may realize the spiritual preciousness of the promise, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Chicago, The Holy Communion, . Rev. H. B. Whipple.

Number of families, 21; number of souls, 100.

Baptisms—infant, 4; marriages, 1; burials, 10; communicants—added anew, 6; received, 26; removed, 2; present number 30.

Sunday school teachers, 6; Sunday scholars, 20; children catechized every Sunday, 16.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 2; holy days, 2; other days, 4; total, 62.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated in public, 6.

Contributions—alms at holy communion, $107.83; alms for parish purposes, $900.

This parish was organized as a free church in April last, and the rector was called at Easter. The effort was begun in faith by a few members of the Church, who believe that the glad tidings of the Gospel should be free to all, and that no hindrance, either by sale or rental

of pews, should keep the poor man from the church of God. Many obstacles have retarded our growth, but we thank God, that notwithstanding these, we can look with faith to a time when the work upon which we have entered shall meet with success. The severest trial which we have is the lack of a suitable place for church worship. The public hall is not calculated to attract the ungodly, or elevate the christian heart; but what is far worse, the occupation of the hall for worldly purposes during the week, prevents us from the blessed enjoyment of week-day prayers, and the public services of the church upon her Festivals and Fasts.

The rector returns his grateful acknowledgment for a united parish, and for the hearty sympathy of his fellow laborers in this portion of our blessed Master's vineyard.

Chicago, Trinity, ... Rev. Noah Hunt Schenck.

Baptisms—infant, 3; marriages, 2; burials, 5.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 22.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated in public, 2.

Contributions—fund for the support of the Episcopate, $35; fund for the contingent expenses of the convention, $22.37½; offerings at communion, $44.19; other contributions for church purposes, say, $75; total, $176.56.

The above report only includes the operations of the parish for the two months that the present rector has been in charge.

Zion Parsonage, Urbana, Md., *October* 12, 1857.

To the Rt. Rev. H. J. Whitehouse, D.D., *Bishop of the Diocese of Illinois:*

Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir:

As the undersigned was Rector of Trinity Church, Chicago, during a part of the conventional year, he deems it his duty to report the condition of the parish at the time of his resignation. Not having access to the records, he cannot pretend to perfect accuracy. The following statement is, however, substantially correct:

Number of families, 115; number of souls, 410.

Baptisms—adult, 3; infant, 22; confirmed, 10; marriages, about 15; burials, about 10; communicants—added anew, 25; present number, 121.

Number of scholars in Sunday school, about 100.

Contributions—for building churches, $1,000; for supporting the services of other churches in the Diocese, $392; pledges for Iowa, $250; foreign missions, $310; offerings of Sunday school for Africa,

$19; American Bible Society, $800; American Sunday School Union, $95; Jewish missions, $22; Sunday school, $18; to the support of a candidate for orders, $100.

In consequence of the establishment and enlargement of several neighboring churches, many communicants have been transferred to them, but still the congregations of Trinity have remained large.

This church has recently been repaired and enlarged, and now presents a very beautiful appearance, and is capable of accommodating at least a thousand persons, and its prospects, under its new and able rector, are most promising in favor of evangelical religion.

Respectfully, yours in Christ,

W. A. SMALLWOOD.

Decatur, St. John's, . . . Rev. William L. Bostwick.

Number of families, 25; number of souls, 125.

Baptisms—infant, 1; confirmed, 4; burials, 3; communicants—added anew, 3; removed into the parish, 6; died, 1; present number, 22.

Sunday school teachers, 6; once a month the children are catechized by the rector; members of Bible class, 8, instructed by the rector; Sunday scholars, 40; total number of young persons instructed, 48.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 2.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated, in public, 6; in private, 1.

Contributions—fund for the contingent expenses of the convention, $5; diocesan missions, $5; offerings at communion, $14.22; parish purposes, $34.50; melodeon, $75; tracts, Sunday school and prayer books, $23; appropriated by the Ladies' Church Aid Society for Sunday school books, $10; total, $166.72.

This interesting portion of the great harvest field remained vacant after the death of the late lamented rector, Rev. S. R. Child, until last Easter. On that day, beginning regular church services here again, a humble school room proved our best accommodation. The congregation assembling therein for sometime scarcely averaged twenty-five persons. We now use a "large upper room," comfortably seated and fitted up. The present attendance, chiefly adults, is about sixty persons, A.M. and thirty, P.M.

The success of the Sunday school, commenced in June with *seven* scholars, is no longer considered doubtful.

Our Melodeon, purchased by a few zealous individuals, proves very serviceable, and the chanting and other music do credit to so young a parish.

We have been favored with a valuable present of a Bible, prayer book and cushion, for the lectern, as well as a fine gift of Sunday school books from the infant class, Church of the Holy Trinity, Brook-

lyn, New York, and also with a very acceptable donation of ten dollars in aid of our Sunday school, from the Sunday school of St. Luke's, Rochester, New York, per Bishop Whitehouse.

Seven denominations have the start of our church here, in that their houses of worship are already erected and used. Others also, having none of their own as yet, nevertheless holding regular meetings, divide the field still more.

We trust, however, that the Church with her order and beauty of holiness, may yet shine among them, as a city set on a hill, or as a light in its candlestick, giving *light* unto all.

Farmington, Calvary, ... *Rev. John Benson.*

Number of families, 14; number of souls, 49.

Baptisms—adult, 3; infant, 5; confirmed, 10; marriages, 2; burials, 1; communicants—added anew, 6; removed into the parish, 4; removed from the parish, 2; loss in other ways, 3; present number, 31.

Children taught the catechism openly in the church, 7; number of times, 1.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 22; other days, 1; total, 23.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated in public, 10.

Contributions—fund for the support of the Episcopate, $5; fund for the contingent expenses of the convention, $3.87½; foreign missions, $15.65; diocesan, $30.60; offerings at communion, $21.55; to church at Wyoming, $32.15.

Since Easter, I have officiated in this parish two Sundays in the month, and one Sunday in the month at Lewistown, the county seat of Fulton, distant twenty-six miles from Farmington, there being in that place a gentleman and his wife, most devoted members of the church, who, with others, citizens of Lewistown, expressed a wish for occasional services. I have also, by request, held occasional services in a school house, seven miles from Farmington. In all these places, the services have been well attended.

The Rt. Rev. the Bishop visited Farmington on the 15th of July, preached to a crowded congregation, and confirmed *ten* persons. The Bishop proceeded the next day to Lewistown, where he preached in the evening. There is every prospect of a flourishing parish at Farmington, should God continue to vouchsafe his blessing.

A discrepancy may appear between the numbers confirmed and communicants added. Some have been young men, day laborers, who are frequently changing their location; two others have been prevented communing by indisposition of body, who otherwise would have come to the Lord's table.

Farm Ridge, St. Andrew's, . *Rev. James A. Woodward.*

Number of families, 30.
Communicants, 25.
Catechists and Sunday school teachers, 8; Sunday scholars, 36.
Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 10.
The holy communion—number of times celebrated in public, 2.
Contributions—fund for contingent expenses of the convention, $5.70; offerings at communion, $5.58; parish purposes, $12.14; total, $23.42.

The present Rector entered upon his labors in this parish on the 16th of August last; the church having been vacant from January preceding.

Freeport, Zion, ... *Rev. James L. Grover.*

Number of families, 40; number of souls, 100.
Baptisms—infant, 1; marriages, 1; burials, 1; communicants—removed into the parish, 3; present number, 25.
Catechists and Sunday school teachers, 6; Sunday scholars, 33.
Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sunday, 2.
The holy communion—number of times celebrated in public, 3.
Contributions—fund for support of the Episcopate, $10; offerings at communion, $16.16.

The present Rector has had charge of the parish since the middle of July last. Since that time a Sunday school has been organized, numbering upwards of 30 scholars; a library has been procured, of 150 volumes, and the prospects of the school are very encouraging. The congregations are quite full, and with regular service and faithful ministerial and pastoral labor, the parish will soon become strong and flourishing.

Galena, Grace, ... *Rev. Thos. N. Benedict.*

Number of families, 85; number of souls, about 400.
Baptisms—adult, 14; infant, 59; confirmed, 10; marriages, 5; burials, 13; communicants—added anew, 14; removed into the parish, 10; removed from the parish, 14; died, 2; present number, 104.
Catechists and Sunday school teachers, 10; children taught the catechism openly in church, every Sunday in the Sunday school; Sunday scholars, 68.
Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 104; holy days, 24; other days, 27; total, 155.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated in public, 14; in private, 3.

Contributions—fund for support of the Episcopate, $20; fund for contingent expenses of the convention, $12; domestic missions, $24.25; diocesan, $43.41; offerings at communion, $106.84; parish purposes, $339.47; other contributions for church purposes, $137.65; total, $683.62.

In addition to the services above reported, I have held occasional services in the surrounding villages, and find a field large enough to employ the time of a deacon or missionary. I have also held occasional Sunday evening services for the Negroes of this city, and I find some of them members of the church by baptism, and strongly attached to it.

Geneseo, Trinity, ... *Rev. Samuel Goodale.*

Number of families, 15; number of souls, 50.

Confirmed, 3; communicants—three only, of the six necessary for an organization could be found; added anew, 5; present number, 8.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on every alternate Sunday, 2.

The holy communion, celebrated in public, every other month.

The Missionary took charge the 1st of May, so that the parish is yet in its very infancy, and I am hardly able to form an opinion in regard to success. It is evidently a day of small things, yet I have found some things to encourage the hope that a respectable parish may be built up.

The attendance has usually been from fifty to seventy-five, and the music and responses well sustained; there has probably been manifested as much church interest as could be expected with so small a number of communicants and families.

As yet, I have found no opportunity to establish a Sunday school.

Geneva, St. Mark's, ... *Rev. C. H. Albert.*

Number of families, 17.

Communicants, 12.

The present rector has been stationed here since the 9th of July. Service is held regularly every Sunday evening. Average attendance on the services about five individuals. We have no church here, and use the Methodist meeting house, to hold service in.

Grand Detour, St. John's, . . Rev. Charles J. Todd.

Number of families, 14.

Baptisms—infant, 3; marriages, 1; burials, 3; communicants, 18.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sunday, 2 and 3 times; holy days, 3.

The holy communion—administered 8 times.

Contributions—foreign missions, $6.14; domestic, $5; parish purposes, $52; total, $63.14.

Jacksonville, Trinity, . . Rev. Theodore N. Morrison.

Number of families, 30; number of souls, 175.

Baptisms—adult, 8; infant, 1; confirmed, 5; marriages, 3; burials, 7; communicants—added anew, 5; removed into the parish, 5; removed from the parish, 3; present number, 61.

Catechists and Sunday school teachers, 5; total number of young persons instructed, 30.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 104; holy days, 4; other days, 12; total, 120.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated, in public, 14.

Contributions—fund for the contingent expenses of the convention, $7.63; foreign missions, $23; diocesan, $33; offerings at communion, $60; parish purposes, $675; total, $798.63.

In addition to the above, a donation of $100 is gratefully acknowledged from St. James' Church, Chicago.

Joliet, Christ, ... Rev. James De W. C. Locke.

Number of families, 56; number of souls, 250.

Baptisms—adult, 3; infant, 31; confirmed, 20; marriages, 7; burials, 7; communicants—added anew, 28; removed from the parish, 18; died, 1; present number, 40.

Catechists and Sunday school teachers, 8; Sunday scholars, 60.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 2; holy days, the great Festivals and Fasts; other days, Friday evening; total, 122.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated, in public, 17.

Contributions—fund for the Bishop's traveling expenses, $10; fund for the contingent expenses of the convention, $3.20; diocesan missions, $24; offerings at communian, $95.30; parish purposes, $3,000; total, $3,132.50.

God has greatly blessed this parish since the last convention. We have erected, and completely finished as regards cushions, carpets, instrument, &c., a commodious and beautiful church, which was consecrated by the Bishop on the 28th of June. The congregation has increased very greatly, every seat in the church being taken, and the number of communicants has quadrupled. During the year a new parish, St. Paul's, Manhattan, was formed out of part of this, which accounts for the large number reported as removed, I have had charge of that up to the 1st of October, when I resigned, and the vestry have secured the services of the Rev. Charles B. Stout, who has just entered upon his work. St. Paul's is a rural parish in the strictest sense, but is zealous and flourishing. We have also erected there a small, but very pretty church, which was lately consecrated by the Bishop. The parish own a fine glebe of twenty-five acres, and a parsonage house is soon to be erected. The parish at Joliet bids fair to be one of the strongest in the diocese, and contains some warm hearted laymen, who do not oblige the rector, as is too often the case, to bear all the burdens, and do all the work A handsome communion service of silver gilt has just been presented to it, by some of my friends at the East.

Kewanee, St. John's, ... *Rev. G. E. Peters.*

Number of families, 19.
Baptisms—infant, 2 ; marriages, 1 ; burials, 2 ; communicants, 10.
Catechists and Sunday school teachers, 7 ; catechumens, 35.
Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 2.
The holy communion—celebrated once every month.
Contributions—offerings at communion, $16.09.

Having had charge of this newly organized parish only since the second Sunday after Easter, I am unable to fill out this paper. The parish, however, is in a healthy and prosperous condition. We are now erecting a church edifice, at a cost of about $4,000, and it will be ready for consecration about the 15th of November. I have established a parish library, which, I doubt not, will do us good service. The present number of volumes is 44, and though small now, yet by our arrangements, we shall be able to add to our number of books, increasing the library more or less every three months.

With the blessing of the Great Head of the Church on our labors, we trust in our next report to present you with more abundant fruits.

Lee Centre, St. Paul's, ... *Rev. James Bentley.*

Number of families, 22 ; number of souls, 96.
Baptisms—infant, 4 ; confirmed, 1 ; marriages, 4 ; communicants

—added anew, 5; removed into the parish, 8; removed from the parish, 5; present number, 21.

Sunday school teachers, 4; Sunday scholars, 25.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 90; other days, 29; total, 119.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated in public, 8; in private 1.

Contributions—Bishop's traveling expenses, $5; contingent expenses of the convention, $1.62; offerings at communion, $31.25; parish purposes, $478.82; for Sunday school, $7.60; by children of Sunday school for missions, $3.55; Bible and Tract Society, $6; total, $533.84.

In the foregoing statistics, the missionary field of the rector is included. Our church edifice was completed in December last, and opened for divine worship on the 4th of January. It was consecrated on the 4th of last May by Bishop Whitehouse. The entire cost of the church building, ground, fence, melodeon, and the furnishing of church, has been about $3,100, of which sum something over $200 was contributed by the ladies' sewing circle. We are still, I am sorry to say, several hundred dollars in debt. The parsonage, though not yet completed, has cost $714. To aid in these enterprises, and the church at Dixon, cash donations have been received through the rector, amounting to $2,946.44; in addition to which the following favors have been received for St. Paul's Church, Lee Centre, viz.: A beautiful communion set, from Miss M. Brown and other ladies, of St. Mark's parish, Warren, R. I.; a Sunday School library from Miss Mills' Sunday school class of the parish of the Advent, Philadelphia; also the same favor from Trinity Church, Staten Island; a quantity of prayer books from Bishop White Society and C. H. Henderson & Co., Philadelphia; a box of medicines (the proceeds, when sold, to be applied for church purposes) from Mr. Jas. Rhodes, Providence, R. I. For all which, the thanks of the members of both parishes are hereby very gratefully tendered.

Limestone Prairie, Christ, . . . Rev. John Benson.

Number of families, 16; number of souls, 59.

Baptisms—infant, 5; marriages, 3; burials, 3; communicants—removed into the parish, 6; removed from the parish, 1; died, 1; loss in other ways, 2; present number, 28.

Catechists and Sunday school teachers, 5; children taught the catechism openly in the church, 14; number of times, 10; Sunday scholars, 13; total number of young persons instructed, 27.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 35; holy days, 3; other days, 1; total, 39.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated in public, 12; in private, 1.

Contributions—fund for the support of the Episcopate, $8; fund for the contingent expenses of the convention, $3.50; foreign missions, $6.65; domestic, $6.85; diocesan, $22.61; offerings at communion, $17.54; parish purposes, $39.04; total, $104.19.

In addition to the above, the Sunday school of Christ Church has contributed to diocesan missions, $5.88; Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union, $4; African mission, $4.30; total, $14.18.

Of the $39.04 for parish purposes, $22.29 were given by two individuals.

Since Easter, I have officiated in this parish only once a month, having at that time resigned the charge; but, at the request of the vestry and the expressed wish of the Bishop, I have officiated once a month, each time administering the holy communion. I have also held services twice in the poor house, about two miles from the church. It is greatly to be wished that the parish could be supplied with the regular services of a clergyman, as otherwise the parish must necessarily decline. Now there is a feeling among those not connected favorable to the Church. The church has been kept open every Sunday by lay reading, and the Sunday school continues in active operation.

Dixon, St. Luke's, ... *Rev. J. Gautler Downing.*

Number of families, 16; number of souls, 54.

Baptisms—infant, 4; marriages, 1; communicants—present number, 17.

Celebration of divine service—on alternate Sundays.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated in public, 3.

Contributions—offerings at communion, $7.50.

Since the month of July I have been officiating, on alternate Sundays, at Sterling, where there seems considerable promise for building up a strong parish.

Lockport, St. John's, . . *Rev. William L. Bostwick.*

(Until March 1, 1857.)

Number of families, 28.

Baptisms—adult, 2; infant, 9; burials, 3; communicants—removed into the parish, 1; removed from the parish, 1; died, 1; present number, 28.

Catechists and Sunday school teachers, 5; members of bible class, 10; Sunday scholars, 30; total number of young persons instructed, 40.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 2; other days, 2.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated in public, 5.

Contributions—foreign missions, by Sunday school, $2; domestic, $3; diocesan, $2; offerings at communion, $7.84; for Sunday school, $1.45; total, $16.29.

My resignation of this parish took effect on the last day of February.

Manhattan, St. Paul's, . . . *Rev. Charles B. Stout.*

Number of families, about 20.

Communicants, 18.

This parish is a new and rural one. The church has been built, and was recently consecrated by the Bishop, who also consecrated the two acres set apart as a burial ground. The service was attended by many who had never been present on a like occasion. All were deeply impressed with the propriety not only of thus setting apart our churches from "all unhallowed and common uses," but our places of sepulture, where the bodies of the dead may quietly "rest in hope" of the "resurection unto life."

The parish is in possession of a beautiful glebe of twenty-five acres. A small Sunday school has been organized and supplied with a library, for which we are indebted to the Evangelical Knowledge Society and the Episcopal Sunday School Union. The rector looks forward to this interesting parish, being united and prosperous.

Mendon, Zion, ... *Rev. H. H. B. Farmar.*

Number of families, 18; number of souls, 92.

Baptisms—infant, 7; marriages, 2; burials, 1; communicants—added anew, 4; removed from the parish, 1; died, 1; present number, 32.

Sunday school teachers, 5; Sunday scholars, 23.

Celebration of divine service—(in the church or in rooms in the neighborhood) number of times on Sundays, 88; holy days, 6; other days, Fridays in Lent, and daily in holy week, 13; total, 107.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated in public, 9.

Contributions—fund for contingent expenses of convention, $3.75; foreign missions, $5; diocesan, $13; offerings at communion, $11.05; total, $32.80.

Morris, St. Thomas', ... *Rev. De W. C. Locke.*

Baptisms—adult, 3; infant, 5; confirmations, 3; communicants, about 15.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sunday, 2; other days, 18; total, 20.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated, 2.

My duties at Joliet of course prevent my giving much attention to this parish. No service can be held on Sundays, excepting very rarely for the communion. I hold service on an average once in three weeks, on Thursday evenings, and the attendance is generally large. If a clergyman of ability and industry could be induced to come and reside among the people, and help them to build up a church, I have no doubt that he would be well supported.

Ottawa, Christ, ... *Rev. Charles P. Clarke.*

Number of families, 80; number of souls, 400.

Baptisms—adult, 6; infant, 13; confirmed, 15; marriages, 15; burials, 20; communicants—added anew, 14; removed into the parish, 8; removed from the parish, 9; died, 1; present number, 83.

Catechists and Sunday school teachers, 8; children taught the catechism openly in the church, once a month; Sunday scholars, 50.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 2; other days, twice a week in Lent and every day in Passion Week.

The holy communion—celebrated in public, first Sunday in each month, and on Christmas and Whitsunday.

Contributions—foreign missions, $9; domestic, $15; diocesan, $16; offerings at communion, $66.34; parish purposes, $100.

The Rector is happy to state that the parish is steadily progressing in numbers, influence, and pecuniary strength. Though deprived of the services of its rector during the month of October last, while he was attending the General Convention in Philadelphia, and also for several weeks the past summer, in consequence of injuries received in a rail road disaster, the parish has received larger accession to its membership than in any previous year of his incumbency.

With gratitude he would record that he is now so far recovered from his injuries as to be able to render his accustomed services.

Pekin, St. Paul's, ... *Rev. George Sayres.*

Number of families, 30.

Baptisms—adult, 1; infant, 3; confirmed, 2; marriages, 2; burials,

5; communicants—added anew, 5; removed into the parish, 3; removed from the parish, 1; present number, 28.

Catechists and Sunday school teachers, 5; children taught the catechism openly in the church, 16; number of times, 37; Sunday scholars, 24.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 92; holy days, the greater festivals and fasts, Passion Week, &c.; other days, Fridays in Lent, and Thanksgiving day.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated, in public, 10; in private, 1.

Contributions—fund for support of the Episcopate, $2.75; fund for contingent expenses of the convention, $1.50; foreign missions, $1.10; domestic, $2.50; diocesan, $1.50; offerings at communion, $20.04; parish purposes, $8; other contributions for church purposes, $8; total, $45.39.

The services for most of the year have been well attended, twice each Sunday. A lay service for part of the day was kept up for a few weeks while the rector was absent. Since the last report the church edifice has been entirely paid for, and an effort is now being made to purchase the lot also on which it stands.

Peoria, St. Paul's, . . Rev. Henry N. Strong, D.D.

Number of families, 95; number of souls, about 400.

Baptisms—infant, 14; marriages, 5; burials, 3; communicants—died, 2; present number, 98.

Catechists and Sunday school teachers, 15; catechumens, 100; children taught the catechism openly in the church, the third Lord's day of each month; members of other classes for religious instruction, 15; Sunday scholars, 4; total number of young persons instructed, 104.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 2; all holy days; lecture on Wednesday evening.

The holy communion, celebrated in public on the first Lord's day of each month.

Contributions—fund for support of the Episcopate, $20; fund for contingent expenses of the convention, $11.15; foreign missions, $50; diocesan, $40.58; offerings at communion, $157.10; American Sunday School Union, $40; total, $318.83.

The present Rector entered upon parish duties, the first Sunday in September last. He has the hearty coöperation of an able and efficient vestry; and also of an intelligent and Christian people. He humbly trusts that his labors may be abundantly blessed by the Great Head of the Church. Of the infants baptized, Rev. Mr. Freeman

baptized two, the Rev. J. W. Craeraft four, and the present Rector, eight.

The parish has suffered great loss in the demise of that eminent mother of Israel, Mrs. MATTHEW MCREYNOLDS, whose love for the Church, and heavenly virtue, endeared her to the hearts of so many. The Rev. Dr. Chase, of Jubilee, read the most comforting order of burial service at her grave.

Robin's Nest, Christ, ... *Rev. Samuel Chase.*

Number of families, 23; number of souls, 150.

Baptisms—infant, 14; confirmed, 4; communicants—added anew, 5; removed into the parish, 7; removed from the parish, 6; present number, 80.

Catechists and Sunday school teachers, 12; children taught the catechism openly in the church, 35; number of times, 40; Sunday scholars, 30; total number of young persons instructed, 70.

Celebration of divine service—number of times, on Sundays, 92; holy days, 9; total, 101.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated in public, 14.

Contributions—fund for the support of the Episcopate, $12; fund for the contingent expenses of the convention, $10; domestic missions, $40; diocesan, $54.93; offerings at communion, $78.33; parish purposes, $319; other contributions for church purposes, $5; total, $519.26.

Peru, St. Paul's, ... *Rev. Abraham J. Warner.*

Number of families, 19; number of souls, 65.

Baptisms—infant, 5; confirmed, 1; marriages, 2; burials, 5; communicants—added anew, 3; removed into the parish, 4; removed from the parish, 19; died, 2; present number, 15.

Children taught the catechism openly in the church, 12 to 15; total number of young persons instructed, 15.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 55; holy days, 3; total, 58.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated in public, 8.

Contributions—fund for the contingent expenses of the convention, $2; diocesan missions, $16; offerings at communion, $20; parish purposes, $240.34; other contributions for church purposes, $68.74.

In the above report, I have been necessarily guided by the parish register of my predecessor, with reference to the changes in the list of communicants. The greater portion of those which stand on the

record are not now to be found, while others, whose names do not appear, are now regular communicants. I am acquainted with no parish which appears to have undergone so many fluctuations, in the number of its members, as this. The Sunday school had been dispersed at the ime of my taking charge of the parish, and our attempts to revive it have not been attended with very much success, though we do not feel discouraged. The want of young persons for teachers has been a great obstacle, but we are about to make a new trial. I have for a few weeks past performed a third service in La Salle, where a spirited effort is being made to sustain the services of the Church.

The most cheering feature for the Church here is the prospect of these two parishes uniting in the erection of a church. Efforts have been made here at various times, and considerable sums have been subscribed, but the securing of a very good lot is all that has been yet effected. From the subscriptions, which at one time amounted to $3,000, probably $2,000 could now be realized. This, with what could be raised in La Salle, would probably build a very good and spacious church for the two congregations, to be placed between the two towns, the distance being not over one and a half miles. The places are evidently destined soon to meet by their mutual growth.

P. S. From the date of my last report, I continued to officiate at Farm Ridge up to November 28th. Several disappointments prevented that parish from obtaining another rector until this summer. They are now very ably and satisfactorily supplied by the Rev. Mr. Woodward, from the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

I entered upon my duties here on the 15th of December, where I have continued to officiate regularly, with the exception of one or two Sundays, while the building in which we worship was undergoing repairs. On one of these Sundays, I enjoyed a visit to my late parish, then without a minister.

Pittsfield, St. Stephen's, ... Rev. Robert Ryall.

Number of families, 41; number of souls, 224.

Baptisms—infant, 6; confirmed, 9; marriages, 1; communicants—added anew, 9; removed into the parish, 1; present number, 45.

Catechists and Sunday school teachers, 2; children taught the catechism openly in the church, 14; number of times, weekly; members of other classes for religious instruction, 7; total number of young persons instructed, 21.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 2; occasionally, 3.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated in public, 15; also on the greater festivals, and once in Griggsville, makes up the given number as nearly as recollected.

Contributions—fund for the support of the Episcopate, $8; domestic missions, $2; fencing the church building, $95; total, $105.

The holy communion has been celebrated the first Sunday of every month, on the greater festivals, and once in Griggsville, where the rector has occasionally officiated.

This parish still claims, deservedly, a good deal of protection and encouragement. As the visitant to it may observe, among its retarding circumstances perhaps must chiefly be recorded the scattered circumstances of its members, and its isolated position, being the only Episcopal congregation in its own county, and at much distance from others in the nearest counties; yet still we have hope for Pittsfield parish.

Pre-emption, Grace, ... *Vacant.*

Our church concerns here are in rather a careless condition, having no minister since the Rev. Mr. Barclay left, and without any means of grace. The church building is just as left by the Bishop, and the money paid is in the hands of Mr. Betty yet. However, there are a great many very anxious to have a minister, and to see the church built; who are willing to pay all they are able, to the building, and support of a minister. If there could be a faithful minister got to live in this parish, there is a large field of usefulness, and there could be from $300 to $400 raised for his support. There are thirty families who have promised ten dollars each, per year, besides many others who would contribute if a man was on the ground. The old school house is now repairing and would be comfortable for services until the church can be finished.

James Clarke.

Princeton, Redeemer's, ... *Rev. F. B. Nash.*

Number of families, 12; number of souls, about 50.

Baptisms—adult, 1; infant, 2; confirmed, 1; marriages, 1; burials, 1; communicants—added anew, 1; removed into the parish, 1; present number, 16.

Catechists and Sunday school teachers, 5; children taught the catechism openly in the church, 15; total number of young persons instructed, 15.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 40; other days, 1; total, 41.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated in public, 2.

Contributions—fund for the support of the Episcopate, $3; domestic missions, $3; offerings at communion, $3; total, $9.

Providence, Zion, ... *Rev. F. B. Nash.*

Number of families, 20.

Communicants—present number, 28.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 10; other days, 1; total, 11.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated, in public, 1; in private, 1.

Quincy, St. John's, ... *Rev. Wm. Rudder.*

Number of families, 106.

Baptisms—infant, 2; adult, 1; confirmed, 16; marriages, 2; burials, 4; communicants, 130.

Sunday school teachers, 20; scholars, 90. The children have been catechized by the rector once every month.

Divine service—number of times celebrated, on Sundays, 2; during the week, 1.

The holy communion has been administered on the first of every month.

Contributions—fund for domestic missions, $75; for Sunday school, $148.73; for parish purposes, $20; offerings at communion, $50.91; collections in the Sunday school, $19.59; for Bishop's traveling expenses, $20; total, $334.23.

The above report embraces only four months, during which time the present incumbent has been rector.

Rockford, Emmanuel, ... *Rev. A. Clark.*

Number of families, 66; number of souls, 300.

Baptisms—infant, 13; marriages, 7; burials, 7; communicants—added anew, 1; removed into the parish, 8; removed from the parish, 10; died, 1; stricken off for non-attendance, 6; present number, 56.

Catechists and Sunday school teachers, 13; catechism taught in Sunday school; Sunday scholars, 50.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 102; holy days, 14; other days, 1; total, 117.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated in public, 13; in private, 1.

Contributions—fund for traveling expenses of the Bishop, $15; fund for contingent expenses of the convention, $7; foreign missions, $25; diocesan, $17.75; offerings at communion, $26.64; parish purposes, $435; other contributions for church purposes, $40; total, $566.39; rector's salary, $800.

Springfield, St. Paul's, . . { *Rev. Joseph W. Pierson.* *Rev. Lewis P. Clover.*

Number of families, 70; number of souls, 200.

Baptisms—infant, 5; marriages, 3; burials, 8; removed into the parish, 5; present number, 88.

Catechists and Sunday school teachers, 3; catechumens, 30; children taught the catechism openly in the church, 30; number of times, 6; total number of young persons instructed, 30.

Celebration of divine service—number of times, on Sundays, 2; holy days, principal festivals and fasts.

The holy communion—celebrated, in public, each month.

Contributions—for diocesan missions, $30; offerings at communion, $159.80; parish purposes, $92; total, $281.80.

This report covers a period of about seven months, and represents the condition of the parish at the time of the resignation of the undersigned, May 1st, 1857.

During his rectorship, he had abundant cause for happiness in the unexampled increase in the attendance upon the services of the church, in the addition of new families to the congregation, and in the large increase of the numbers of the communicants. The church edifice had become too small to accomodate all who desired sittings, and incipient steps were taken to enlarge it. Jos. W. Pierson.

The present rector of St. Paul's Church, entered upon his duties on the 12th of September last, and has therefore but little to report.

The parish which was vacant for several months, is in about the same condition, as when the rector last in charge left. The Rev. Mr. Dresser, who for years labored faithfully and effectually in this parish, is universally spoken of in such terms of warm affection, as to afford conclusive evidence that the work of a faithful pastor is not unappreciated by his flock. May his successor prove worthy of the same commendation. There have been three baptisms and one funeral in the parish. Lewis P. Clover.

Tiskilwa, St. Jude's, ... *Rev. F. B. Nash.*

Number of families, 11.

Baptisms—infant, 2; marriages, 1; burials, 5; communicants—removed from the parish, 1; died, 1; present number, 15.

Celebration of divine service—number of times, on Sundays, 42; holy days, 1; other days, 5; total, 48.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated, in public, 2.

Contributions—fund for the support of the Episcopate, $5; fund for the contingent expenses of the convention, $3; domestic missions, $7; offerings at communion, $5; other contributions for church purposes, $60; total, $80.

Warsaw, St. Paul's, . . *Rev. Lyman Noble Freeman.*

Number of families, 35.

Baptisms—adult, 4; infant, 15; confirmed, 14; marriages, 5; burials, 11; communicants—added anew, 29; removed into the parish, 12; removed from the parish, 3; died, 1; present number, 41.

Catechists and Sunday school teachers, 5; children taught the catechism openly in the church, 40; number of times, 52.

Celebration of divine service—number of times, on Sundays, 2; other days, 4; total, 108.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated, in public, 10; in private, 1.

Contributions—fund for the support of the Episcopate, $10; fund for the contingent expenses of the convention, $4.25; domestic missions, $13.40; offerings at communion, $30.25; parish purposes, $60; total, $117.50.

I entered upon the duties of this parish on the 1st of October, one year ago. I found it in every respect much weaker than I expected to find it. But now, under a diligent use of the means of grace, the aspect of it is greatly changed for the better. The number of communicants has almost been trebled, the attendance upon the services of the Church is five times more than it was, and the ability of the parish to support its rector is greatly increased. The prejudice against the "heavenly ways" of the Church seems to have nearly disappeared. There is, therefore, now seemingly, no serious obstacle to overcome in building up in this place, in a few years, a strong and influential parish. A want of a coöperation on the part of the vestry and members of the church, presents the greatest obstacle, but this, I think, will be gradually secured. My parishioners have been very kind in supplying my temporal wants, by making me and my family a present of $200, in money and provisions. May God, in his good Providence return to them four-fold of the good things of this life. I ought, perhaps, to mention, that an effort was made last spring to build a new church, which resulted in obtaining a subscription of $500. But the hard times coming on, the vestry concluded to postpone the commencement of the edifice until next year.

Waukegan, Christ, ... *Rev. Sylvester Nash.*

Number of families, 49; number of souls, 154.

Baptisms—infant, 7; marriages, 5; burials, 11; communicants—added anew, 7; removed into the parish, 4; removed from the parish, 2; present number, 31.

Catechists and Sunday school teachers, 6; catechumens, all the Sunday school scholars.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, twice, except in August and September, then only once, by vote of vestry; holy days, Christmas, Ash Wednesday, Good Friday; other days, Wednesdays during Lent.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated in public, once in two months, Christmas and Easter.

Contributions—fund for the support of the Episcopate, $10; fund for the contingent expenses of the convention, $4; foreign missions, $18; diocesan, $10; offerings at communion, $57.26; parish purposes, $100.86; other contributions for church purposes, $133.23; American Bible Society, two annual collections, $30.01; Sunday school children, for Africa, $10; total, $333.36.

Waverly, Christ, ... *Rev. D. W. Dresser.*

Number of families, 9; number of souls, 40.

Baptisms—infant, 3; marriages, 1; burials, 1; communicants—removed from the parish, 1; present number, 8.

Catechists and Sunday school teachers, 4; total number of young persons instructed, 12.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 58; holy days, 5; total, 63.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated in public, 1.

Contributions—Bishop's traveling expenses, $4; fund for the contingent expenses of the convention, $2; foreign missions, $8; domestic, $7; parish purposes, $139; total, $160.

Woodstock, ... *Rev. S. D. Pulford.*

Number of families, 5; number of souls, 25.

Marriages, 1; burials, 1; communicants—removed into the parish, 1; removed from the parish, 2; present number, 2.

Catechists and Sunday school teachers, 5; Sunday scholars, 25; total number of young persons instructed, 25.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 1; total, 25.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated in public, 3.

Contributions—offerings at communion, $5.

The above report covers the space of about six months, next after the convention of 1855–56. It is by no means a fair index of what I am led to believe is the present prospect for the Church at Woodstock. It is to be hoped that the Church, now that others are coming in, will soon take strong root in the unfriendly soil of that place, and flourish.

Wyoming, St. Luke's, . . . Rev. Philander Chase.

Number of families, 8.

Baptisms—infant, 2; burials, 5; communicants—added anew, 7; removed into the parish, 7; removed from the parish, 1; died, 1; present number, 18.

Catechists and Sunday school teachers, 6; Sunday scholars, 18.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 1.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated in public, 6; in private, 1.

Contributions—foreign missions, $14; other contributions for church purposes, $500, or about that.

Since my last report, I have officiated as follows: Four months, every alternate Sunday, was given to Kewanee; since they have been supplied, I have given my time exclusively to Wyoming. I have raised outside of the parish about $500, with which we have built a church, 24 by 50, which is now enclosed, and we hope will be plastered before winter.

Chicago, Church of the Ascension, Rev. J. W. Cracraft.

In the month of April last, I tendered my resignation as rector of St. Paul's, Peoria, and accepted an invitation from several of the clergy and laity of Chicago to remove thither, and attempt the organization of a new parish on the North side, where it was believed a large number of members and friends of our Church could be collected together in a parish organization, who were then, to a great extent, unprovided for by the other parishes of the city. In accordance with this invitation, in May following, I came to this city and commenced my labors on the first Sabbath of the month.

As there was no suitable building for the use of such congregation as might be gathered, it became a first inquiry what should be done in the way of providing a place for our parish worship. An encouraging offer was at this time made by the rector of St. James' Church to allow us to remove to the proper locality, the present building near the river, soon to be vacated for the occupancy of the new church edifice, still further north. On the strength of this encouragement and assurance, it was thought best to attempt no collections and expend no money in erecting a temporary building, reserving all our force for the work of transferring the materials of the old church of St. James to our selected locality.

By the great liberality of a member of our Church in the city, G. S. Hubbard, Esq., three valuable lots were secured, two for a church site and the other for use to accomplish the erection of a suitable church edifice. By subsequent arrangements, however, the important proffer

of the old building of St. James has been withdrawn, and now we find ourselves, too late in the season for active operations, and surrounded by the adverse influence of a financial revulsion that renders every effort to erect any permanent house of worship for the present utterly impracticable, and it only remains for us to seek some temporary accommodations for the present emergency, either by renting some building as near our parish precincts as possible, or procuring the erection of some cheap one on our own grounds, that may serve us until more desirable accommodations can be secured.

In the month of September last, a parish organization was effected, taking the name of "The Church of the Ascension;" (though in consequence of the absence from the city of the Wardens and Secretary, the proper certificate could not be obtained at the time of going to convention so as to secure our admission into union with the convention); and already some forty families have given in their names for connection with the new parish.

Through the great liberality and Christian courtesy of the Trustees of the Westminster Chapel, also on the North side, we are at present accommodated with a most convenient and comfortable building for our incipient services, which are already calling out a respectable congregation and cheering auspices for our humble commencement.

A Sabbath school has been organized. J. W. Cracraft.

Chicago, ... *Rev. Charles V. Kelley.*

The following is a statement of ministerial duties performed since last convention:

Preached for the Church of the Atonement, Church of the Holy Communion and Grace Church, in all, 28 times; at Ridge Station, 1; and assisted at the services in Iowa City twice.

Baptisms—adult, 2; infant, 6; marriages, 4; burials, 10.

Administered the holy communion in private, to sick, 2.

Collinsville, Christ, ... *Vacant.*

During the last conventional year, public services have been rendered in Christ Church, Collinsville, on Sundays, several times by Rev. Messrs. Weller, Drummond and Loop, of other Dioceses. Rev. Mr. Loop has also given two services on week days, attended by about 30.

The holy communion—administered once.

Baptisms—infant, 4.

At Marine, 15 miles distant, where there is no organization, Rev. Mr. Loop preached on a Thursday night to 40 persons. This was the first service our Church people had had for two years.

Kankakee City, ... Rev. Thomas T. Castleman.

Since the 1st of September of the present year, I have been regularly officiating in the Court House of this place, conducting service and preaching always once and frequently twice every Sunday. For the want of a suitable place, and other conveniences, I have not yet administered the holy communion, and therefore have not been able to ascertain the number of communicants. I have attended four funerals. A vestry has been elected, and a Church organized, and some steps taken preparatory to admission as a parish into the Diocese. The number of regular attendants on the services has been constantly increasing, and the general interest expressed encourages the hope, that before another year rolls round, we may successfully undertake the work of building a temple to the Lord.

Radnor Township, ... Rev. John Mayo.

I beg respectfully to state to you that I continue to reside in Radnor township, county of Peoria, that I have assisted at the performance of divine service at Jubilee College Chapel on two days during the past year, on which occasions I baptized two infants; and that age and increasing infirmities prevent me from undertaking a permanent cure.

Rev. Charles Dresser, Chaplain of Jubilee College—

My relations to the College remain the same as heretofore. Besides preaching statedly in the chapel, I have officiated in Springfield, preaching four times and baptizing two infants, and several times in Brimfield, where I also administered the communion. I have also officiated in Galesburg, preaching twice, where there seems to be an opening for our Church, and the formation of a parish.

I have officiated likewise at one funeral.

Rev. Asa Griswold—

Within the Diocese, during the last conventional year, I have distributed eight hundred volumes of my book of sermons, preached fifty-one times, baptized ten children, administered the holy communion four times, married one couple, and attended two funerals.

Rev. Orrin Miller—

Owing to my protracted and increased infirmity, I have been able to perform but little church labors the last conventional year.

I have preached once to the Algonquin Mission, and baptized a child of Mr. Kees. I have also assisted in reading service, on two or three different occasions, in Emmanuel Church, Rockford.

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Brethren of the Clergy and Laity in Convention assembled:

It is my duty to present to you, in the usual Annual Address, the statistics of the Diocese for the last year, as connected with my own official acts and relations.

It is the only year of my administration in which the record of death does not occur among the Ministry of the Diocese. The only bereavement touching the confines of our clerical brotherhood, is that of ROBERT BRUNTON, a young candidate for orders, who, after completing his course of Academic training at Jubilee College, struggling with a feeble constitution, sank away in a few months, at his father's house in Chicago. I had opportunity of seeing him several times in his closing hours, and of administering to him the Lord's Supper. His end was marked with entire quietude, in which the body wasted without pain, and the soul reposed in gentle childlike faith.

Among the Laity there is a loss which removes from us one long connected with the counsel and work of the Diocese—the Hon. JOHN BAILHACHE, of Alton, respected and loved by us all for the best traits of a Christian gentleman. Long the friend and counsellor of Bishop Chase in Ohio, his name appears prominently in the struggles of the College and the pioneer diocesan work. Transferring his residence to this State, he became sharer in like enterprise and trial, and met his death at last by an accident similar to that which deprived us of the venerable Bishop. They are together, we may safely trust, in that waiting place, where the cares and trials of life are no more. They rest in God's love.

Although death has not broken our brotherhood, the Convention assembles with more changes than at any preceding period. Many have gone from us, and, in the necessity or duty of clerical life, have sought new associations and other fields of labor; while the places have been supplied by those whom we may welcome with warmth and confidence, as increasing the numbers of our little band, and contributing in large measure, talent, experience and energy.

This accession of numbers and strength in our clerical list, is evidence of prosperity, and earnest for the future, which, I think, by God's goodness, is the present condition of the Church in the Diocese. Of course, such statement must be made relatively, and without a high minded thought of self-reliance or boasting, much less of attainment, but receiving it with grateful humility—"Not unto us, O Lord"—derive from it incentive to exertion, patience in work, hope in trial, heartier sympathy with the Church and her agencies, and a faith invigorated for the "evil day."

With gratitude I say there is no deficiency of Clergy, willing to cast in their lot with us. But there are many practical difficulties to be overcome in settling to mutual satisfaction the solemn bond of pastorship, over a field where the congregations are relatively small, their officers unused to their duties, engrossed by individual cares, and feeling more keenly the absolute need of a higher order of clerical ministration than they know where to find, or can in any adequate degree renumerate. This is the peculiarity of this part, at least, of the Western field. Without much extravagance I might say, the demand for ability in the ministry is at its *maximum*, and the means of securing or rewarding it, at *minimum*. In older countries, and past years, villages and hamlets came in a descending gradation of talent and education from the cities and towns, almost in ratio with the population. It is not so here; the reverse, as you well know, is the fact, and that in places where the eye would see only the newest, and of necessity, rough forms of material life, where society in order and comfort must partake of the same, where pecuniary

ability is small, because enterprise has absorbed its little capital for the start, and fruits have had no time to ripen,—there you will meet a pervading energy and talent, strength of character, a vigor of mind and will, bold and earnest almost to lawlessness, stimulated by exciting accidents of politics, speculation, municipal affairs, representatives of every form of religious opinion and moral character, grading down to infidelity and dissoluteness, seething together in a community gathered from all parts of our own country, and almost of the old world. It is idle to suppose that a minister deficient in talent, tact and knowledge of human nature can succeed in such a crisis, even if he be a good man. The power must be palpable. It must have influence over the casual ear; arrest respect by its accidents; and inspire confidence in its ability to meet all just demands even more by the small change of hourly life, than the report of the specie stored in the vault. Goodness of heart and soundness of knowledge, without some popular demonstrative ability, do not succeed. They ought to be all influential, of course, because in comparison with them the other is as the "small dust of the balance." But they do not, because they require time for their aroma to diffuse, their quiet influence to penetrate, their stores to be opened, inspected and appreciated. There is an impatience for results that cannot bide this time. Partially this is constitutional, but I am sorry to say, oftener because the problem given to the minister to solve, is dependent quite as much upon the rapidity of execution as the accuracy of result. He has come to minister to a few, perhaps very few, who love the Church and her services; have wept over the loss of them, and will do all they can to strengthen his heart and hands. That *all* is avowedly but little. In the community around them there are others, who, each from his own stand-point, looks favorably on the planting there of the Episcopal Church. The motives are motley and tangled, perhaps palpably false. The gleam of this sunbeam, however, warms the "little flock" to step forth in hope. The new friendship gives names to their subscription list; kind words

and promises open a wider vista. They are bid to go on, and get an "able minister,"—the word is——but I wince in uttering it—"*hire*"—and an indefinite success is predicted. To meet the real expectation which lies folded in this timid and humble movement, is utterly impracticable. I admit that the Western work honestly requires men of strength, but it is so mixed with what becomes an ungenerous and all but impossible expectation, that disappointment may not unfrequently be the result, and the clergyman prove inadequate to sustain his position.

This is one cause of the frequent changes, which we may deplore, but cannot help; which we can explain, but not avert. I am obliged to confess there are some very peculiar trials in our pastorship and missionary work. The minister is undoubtedly not only placed on a hard field in his great labor for souls, but the form of the success relied upon is oftentimes false and ungenerous. He is expected at once to attract personal interest, to challenge a favor which may draw to him rapidly, from a mass of surrounding indifference, prejudice or dissention, pecuniary support and personal popularity, and when this does not occur—which in the larger number of cases cannot—then is the minister too often blamed for the disappointment; and in addition to all the painful incidents of labor and loss that must fall upon him, finds himself involved in coldness or hostility, which threaten to prostrate his whole influence and happiness.

Can we be surprised then, that there should be frequent changes in our parochial relations, and an appearance at least of too much that is uncertain and restless. It is not without justifiable cause, which the closer sympathy and more watchful love of the little flocks toward him that is over them in the Lord, may go far to mitigate, and which will gradually abate as the Church becomes more settled. But, in the meantime, while we may lament in most cases a painful necessity for these frequent changes, we cannot blame; and the failure which seems to attend so frequently even the faithful minister, must be explained much more by the peculiarity of his position, than deficiency or fault in himself.

In my last address I pressed one great cause of all this—*the inadequate support of the Gospel Ministry.* I must consider it the main one to be practically dealt with, the mitigation of which, will certainly correct many other causes, and gradually enhance the efficiency of the pastoral relation. For this correction there must be in the Laity a more earnest, self-denying piety, a resolute loyalty to the Church, a heartier labor in its work, and a warm personal sympathy with the ministry in its wants, trials, labors and anxieties. It is sad to observe how the majority of our Churches, (the majority are small and feeble,) turn upon the liberality and sympathy of only two or three, perhaps the Marys and Lydias of the flock, while the rest content themselves with the coldest formal relation, which oftentimes falls below the standard of honorable obligation. In the Episcopal Communion a few bear the pecuniary burthen. Hence it follows that while we represent a large aggregate of property, the amount collected for the Church's work, is not adequate either to our numbers or means. The majority spare themselves from the obligation to give, and are outside of the circle of hearty work, and devout feeling, and household sympathy. Systematic charity is the best form for personal benevolence; but comprehensive giving, in which every one in the Church shall bear his relative part, in reliable form for time and amount—this is the need. I wish we could condescend to be more "penny-wise."

The appeal to the integrity and right feeling of the Laity on this momentous subject, has not been unheeded. Salaries have been increased, and there is more exactness in the payment. But, in the meantime, the expense of living has increased far more rapidly, and many a clergyman is more straitened now, with the average of six hundred dollars, than he was with the less real four hundred of past years. And if the Clergy have been so scantily sustained, where abundance and success unparalleled, animated every breast, what is to be the condition in the future, when the country has entered a dark cloud of financial embarrassment, in

the centre of which may be the whirl of a commercial hurricane. In the figure of the prophet, I may ask, "If in the land of peace wherein thou trustedst, they have wearied thee, how wilt thou do in the swelling of Jordan?"

It is a subject which is constantly before my mind; but I advert to it again, not as pressing its importance and claims, but inviting attention to it in the way of Conventional action. The Committee appointed two years ago, beyond an expression of generous feeling, have not presented any remedy for existing evils, or plan for more promising action. I do not know that any can be devised. The suggestions I venture to make are put forth with diffidence, and calculated, perhaps, to call out sound action as much by their rejection as adoption. I think first, that the suggestion made in my Primary Address, of the distinct separation of *Pastoral aid* from our *Missionary work*, is preliminary to effective relief. This is important for the integrity of missionary effort, the security of conventional representation, the order of the Church as well as the wholesome influence of this body in the matter of clerical maintenance. The management should be distinct of the two branches, and the funds be collected and disbursed separately, the one for the better support of the parishes existent, the other for the extension of the Church. The Convention might fix as their judgment and expression of opinion, a minimum for salary, say seven hundred dollars, and make some prospect of this being paid a qualification for admission into union with the body. The Convention might require an annual report from each parish in union with it, on this subject, as to amount of salary pledged, and the actual payment made; while a protracted failure in such obligations might disqualify for representation, and at a certain limit, disfranchise.

The offertory of the Holy Communion might be legitimately appropriated, in part, if not as a whole, to the support of the Clergy. In all parishes where the salary is one thousand dollars or over, one half to the pastoral aid of the weaker parishes, and in the parishes under that amount, the collection to be entirely appropriated to their own minister.

I mean this in addition to the ordinary modes now of raising and paying the salary. The reliance upon the offertory for all the expenses of the Church and Clergyman, is and may be voluntarily adopted by special parishes. In some it succeeds, but I do not think it would meet expectation if generally adopted in Dioceses where the Church is as new and feeble as ours. What I speak of is to be confined to the Communion seasons, say monthly, and opening an occasion for voluntary gifts much higher and godly than many expedients now resorted to, and to which, I think, nothing but the necessity of the case could reconcile us. There is internal evidence strong enough, in the sentences of the offertory, to show how largely the necessity and duty of the maintenance of the Clergy, has been connected with the sacramental gifts of the people; and that the instinctive delicacy of the ministry, and self-denying zeal for the poor that they have "always with them," have caused this prominent object of the offertory to be lost sight of, and the sentences which inculcate it to be seldom read. "Indeed," says a charge by the Archdeacon of London, "so universally are they omitted, that there is reason to think, that among those who habitually receive the Holy Communion, many persons might be found who have never read the whole of these sentences, and who know not that it is a part of the ancient discipline of our Church, that they who wait at the altar should be partakers with the altar."

There is something gained by our collective attention to a subject like this, so delicate and painful to the individual. Especially will it be influential if the action emanates from the Laity, and receives their cordial sanction and efforts. It is to that portion of the Convention that the whole must be commended and left. It is hazardous for clergymen, even collectively, to move in such a matter; and by the individual minister it can never be done with safety, except in the most private and guarded manner. It is a topic on which he should scarce ever speak, and where frequent complaint is always fatal. The belief that no one was bound more strongly than myself officially to present it, and perhaps, as

an individual somewhat better secured against misconstructions, has given me this "boldness in the presence of you all." But I turn to the record of my immediate acts, from which I have been led.

On *Sunday*, *December* 7*th*, I admitted and ordained the Rev. CUTHBERT C. BARCLAY, Deacon, to the Priesthood, in ST. JAMES' CHURCH, CHICAGO. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Dr. Clarkson, who, with the Rev. C. V. Kelly and Rev. G. Unonius, united in the laying on of hands. Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Dr. Clarkson, the residue of the services, with the sermon and Holy Communion, by myself.

On *Friday*, *December* 12*th*, went to Peoria to meet the Missionary Committee, at which time the arrangements of stations and salaries for the year, dating back to the first October, were made. The appointments then made have not been occupied for the whole year, and for a few no Missionary has been found, but in the main, the arrangements projected have been carried out, with the exception, which the Committee may deplore but cannot prevent, that the laggard returns from the Churches, even of the stipulated amounts of gift, have affected punctuality of payment to the Missionaries. It will be found, I fear, that there is still an unfortunate arrears from the past, to hang its dead weight on the future.

The months of January and February were unfavorable, this year, for traveling, and in the latter month especially, from floods, and the bad state of streams and roads, it was almost impracticable. I had arranged for a short visitation, but was obliged to recall the appointments.

On *Sunday*, *March* 29*th*, I officiated in ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, CHICAGO, and confirmed *thirty-four*. This congregation, a little more than a year old, has advanced with great rapidity and force. They are free from debt, have a very suitable Church edifice, enlarged since my visit, and valuable lots contiguous, for the permanent Church Building and Parsonage. Under God, this striking success is due to the indefatigable exertions of the Rev. Hiram N. Bishop, its Rector.

In the evening, I preached and confirmed *six* in the WELLS

STREET MISSION, then under the charge of the Rev. C. C. Barclay. This was originally established by the Parish of St. James, but on Mr. Barclay's resignation, on accepting a call to Syracuse, Western New York, has merged in a new Parish, of which the Rev. Mr. Cracraft, assumes the charge, and under his pastorship, it will form another strong home for the Church in Chicago. In its organization it bears the name of the Church of the Ascension.

Tuesday, March 31st, held, assisted by Revs. Dr. Clarkson, J. W. Clark and C. C. Barclay, the examination for the Diaconate, of JOHN WESLEY OSBORNE, for many years a minister of the Methodist Communion, who was ordained Deacon, in Grace Church, on the following Sunday, and is now officiating on parts of the Central Railroad, along which he has been engaged for some years in connection with one of the large national societies. The local knowledge and experience may, I hope, prove serviceable to the Church.

On *Thursday, April 2nd and 3rd*, engaged at Peoria with a meeting of the Trustees of Jubilee College.

Sunday, April 5th, held the ordination before mentioned, in GRACE CHURCH, CHICAGO, preached the sermon, and administered the Holy Communion. The candidate was presented by the Rector.

In the afternoon, visited the CHURCH OF THE ATONEMENT, and confirmed *seventeen.*

In the evening, was again in GRACE CHURCH, confirmed *eleven*, and addressed the candidates; the Rev. Mr. Osborne preached at my request.

Tuesday, April 7th, Passion week, went to FREEPORT. The Church here was at the time temporarily supplied, by the Rev. Eli Adams, since dismissed to Nebraska. The day was unfavorable from a violent snow storm. I preached, but there were no candidates for confirmation. It is now under the charge of the Rev. Mr. Grover.

My next appointment, for *Wednesday, April 8th*, was at WARREN, where I preached at 4 P. M. There was, considering the bad state of the roads and streets, a good congre-

gation, but I fear the organization there is premature for regular or permanent services. From Warren, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Benedict, who has fostered the small Church seed there, I passed to Galena; and on

Thursday, April 9th, assisted in Morning Prayer, in GRACE CHURCH, by reading the Ante-Communion; and lectured on the subject of the "Penitent Thief and Paradise." *In the afternoon*, I met the Sunday School, and after Catechetical exercises, addressed them.

On *Good Friday, April 10th*, read A. C. and preached, and *in the evening*, again preached, confirmed *ten*, and addressed the candidates; a series of services to myself at least, very interesting.

Easter Day, April 12th, officiated in ST. JAMES' CHURCH, CHICAGO, Holy Communion, and preached, confirmed *fifteen. In the evening*, at TRINITY CHURCH, CHICAGO, preached, and confirmed *eleven.*

Monday, April 13th, at MORRIS, where in the evening I preached in the Methodist Church, and confirmed *three*, addressing the congregation on the subject of confirmation. This parish has been supplied with a week service every fortnight, and four Sundays in the year, by the Rev. Mr. Locke, of Joliet, and the influence has been favorable on its future progress, beyond what might have been expected.

My next service was in CHRIST CHURCH, OTTAWA, *on Tuesday, April 14th*, when I confirmed *six.*

Thursday, April 16th, preached in ST. PAUL'S, PERU, the Church there being now under the charge of the Rev. Mr. Warner, and confirmed *one.* The next morning I baptized the infant son of the Rector.

Friday, I spent in Tiskilwa, and went from there to PRINCETON, in time for a service, held in the Presbyterian Church, on Saturday evening, assisted by Rev. F. B. Nash.

On *Sunday morning, April 19th*, again officiated in the same place and confirmed *one*, the first administration of this office in the town. The Episcopalians are few in number; the congregations attending were very large.

In the afternoon, preached in the Methodist Church, TISKILWA, Mr. Nash reading prayers.

On *Monday*, *April* 20*th*, passed to GENESEO, and preached in the evening, confirmed *three*. This was the first visit of a Bishop to the place. It had been served for a few months, at intervals, by Rev. Mr. Welton, Deacon, but the ground is now occupied by Rev. Mr. Goodale, late of Rock Island, who has zealously given himself to this place in connection with Cambridge.

At ROCK ISLAND, I confirmed *one* after sermon, on *Tuesday*, *April* 21*st*.

My next appointment was ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, PEORIA, which I fulfilled on *Thursday*, *April* 23*rd*, preaching and confirming *one*. The Rev. Mr. Downing, of the Diocese of Louisiana, met me here, assisted in the services, and has since been transferred to my jurisdiction.

At PEKIN, *Friday*, on *April* 24*th*, I preached, confirmed *one*, and afterwards addressed the children of the Sunday School.

Sunday, *April* 26*th*, I officiated in an "upper room," well furnished for divine worship, at BLOOMINGTON, confirmed *seven*, and administered the Holy Communion; preached again in the afternoon. Among other trials to which this congregation has been subjected, has been the loss of their room by fire, after it had been secured and fitted up for use. The present is in place of the other, a renewed evidence of their heartiness in the work. The Rev. Mr. Haven, from the Diocese of Ohio, is the minister.

On *Monday*, I baptized an infant, and went by evening train to SPRINGFIELD. Rev. Mr. Pierson had just resigned, and there were no candidates for confirmation. I preached on the evening of *Tuesday*, *April* 28*th*, in St. Paul's Church.

My next appointment was Jacksonville, but at the request of the Rector, it was postponed to the summer visitation. I returned to Bloomington, and from there to Dixon.

Saturday, *May* 2*nd*, was spent at GRAND DETOUR, accompanied by Rev. Mr. Downing. Rev. Charles Todd, has

removed to this place, and now holds regular services there. I preached, but found no candidates for confirmation.

Sunday, *May* 3*rd*, all day at DIXON, holding service twice, in a large hall. The Church is in progress and drawing near completion. I expected to consecrate it at this time, and on a subsequent appointment, but in consequence of some pecuniary disappointment, this dedication to God has not yet taken place.

On *Monday*, *May* 4*th*, I consecrated ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, LEE CENTRE, holding service morning and evening. This Parish is now provided with a Parsonage and Church edifice, both in good taste, and reported out of debt, to which the exertions of the Rev. Mr. Bentley, in soliciting aid abroad, have mainly contributed.

On *Wednesday*, *May* 6*th*, consecrated CALVARY CHURCH, BATAVIA, and administered the Holy Communion. The papers were read by the Rev. Mr. Waterbury, the only clergyman present. It is a small building, but another evidence of the good work of the missionary, who now retires from this part of his field, as he had before from Aurora, each place becoming able to call and sustain a minister for itself. The Rev. Mr. Albert has become their minister.

On *Thursday evening*, *May* 7*th*, I married a couple in Bloomington, and returned on my proper route, for service at AURORA.

On *Friday evening*, *May* 8*th*, preached there, but no candidates for confirmation were presented.

On *Sunday*, *May* 10*th*, in the morning, preached for the Scandinavian Church, of ST. ANSGARIUS, CHICAGO, confirmed *six*, and addressed the candidates. The liturgical services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Unonius, in Swedish, but I find a growing ability in the flock to understand the portion of services which are necessarily in the English tongue, so that now we can dispense with translation by the Rector, which used to be requisite. A division of the two bodies, Norwegians and Swedes, provided for in the original organization, will probably take place at an early period, and

diminish the opportunity, already limited, of an effective pastorship in their own tongues.

In the evening, I held my first visitation for the "HOLY COMMUNION;" a free Church, under the pastoral charge of Rev. H. B. Whipple, a valuable acquisition to the clergy of Chicago, from the Diocese of Western New York. The worship is held in "Metropolitan Hall," but the prospect is favorable for the early erection of a building, and thus far everything is as encouraging as could be expected, for the success of the whole plan. It meets with favor and has been liberally supported.

Monday and Tuesday, were spent at WAUKEGAN, where I preached, but was again disappointed, by not finding candidates for confirmation.

Wednesday, May 13*th*, fulfilled my appointment in EMMANUEL CHURCH, ROCKFORD, but found none ready to be confirmed. I preached to a small congregation, there being a heavy rain.

Friday, May 15*th*, I returned for a second visit to CHRIST CHURCH, OTTAWA, at the request of the Rector, when *nine* persons were presented by him for confirmation. The religious condition of this Parish is encouraging.

On *Sunday, May* 17*th*, I preached in a small church, on Superior street, Chicago, which had been engaged for the new congregation, under charge of Rev. Mr. Cracraft, on the North side, now organized under the name of the CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION.

On *Sunday, June* 28*th*, I consecrated CHRIST CHURCH, JOLIET, in the presence of a large congregation, and assisted by the Rector Mr. Locke, and Rev. Mr. Albert of Texas. *In the evening*, in the same church, I confirmed *twelve*, and *one* from Lockport.

In the afternoon, I visited ST. JOHN'S, LOCKPORT, and confirmed *four*. This Church was vacant, and offering a useful pastorship to an active young clergyman. I trust that now it is thus supplied, by an invitation given to the Rev. S. B. Seaman.

Wednesday, *July* 1*st*, consecrated St. Peter's Church, Sycamore. The clergy present, besides the Rector, were the Rev. Messrs. Anson Clark, Rodney S. Nash, H. Neely, of Rochester, N. Y., and C. H. Albert, of Texas. The Holy Communion was administered. In the afternoon I preached again, and confirmed *six*. Everything seemed gratifying and encouraging in this zealous young congregation, which in two years has come into existence, and pressed its work in success so far and fast, and intends within the year to add a parsonage—an indispensable security for their regular services.

On *Thursday*, *July* 2*nd*, on my way to the Cortland Station, I confirmed *one* in private, a sick man, of the same parish.

My next service, on *Sunday*, *July* 4*th*, was the gratifying one of the consecration of the large new edifice of St. Paul's Church, Alton. It stands upon the site of the old one, and is in many respects a convenient and correct structure. The Holy Communion was administered. The Rev. Mr. Grover, of Ohio, was present and took part in the services. In the afternoon I confirmed *eight* persons.

From Alton I went to Chesterfield, and preached on Monday afternoon, in the Congregational church. This place has been supplied by the Rev. D. W. Dresser, from Waverley, and the prospects are now favorable of settled services and the building of a church. The principal members are from Old England, and by God's blessing, able to do much for the Church. May He "rule their hearts and strengthen their hands" for the good work.

On Tuesday we rode twenty-five miles, to Waverly, where I preached in the afternoon in Christ Church.

Friday, *July* 10*th*, officiated in Trinity Church, Jacksonville, and confirmed *five*.

Sunday, *July* 12*th*, preached and confirmed *five*, in St. Stephen's, Pittsfield. In the afternoon rode eight miles, to Griggsville, a very flourishing town, where there are several zealous Episcopalians, and strong resolution expressed of building a church. I preached to a very full assembly in the "Congregational church," kindly offered for the pur-

pose. The Rev. R. Ryall, from Pittsfield, is using his efforts to foster this promise.

By *Monday afternoon* I reached DECATUR, and preached in the evening, in the Methodist church; confirmed *four*. The Rev. Mr. Bostwick, has made an excellent impression for the Church here, and, with God's blessing, I cannot doubt the success of the efforts, on the threshold of which, Childs died two years ago.

On *Wednesday*, *July* 15*th*, by way of Peoria I got to Farmington, and officiated in CALVARY CHURCH, confirmed *nine* persons, and in the evening, in private, a young woman very sick.

My next service was on *Thursday*, *July* 16*th*, at LEWISTON, the county seat of Fulton county, where I preached in the Court House. This place, where the Church is represented by little more than a single zealous family, is served by the Rev. Mr. Benson, with Farmington, in which latter place he means to take up his residence, leaving Limestone Prairie, owing to the great distance.

On *Friday*, I reached Jubilee, and on Saturday there was a meeting of the Trustees.

On *Sunday*, *July* 19*th*, held services in the Chapel, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Dresser, Mr. Benson, Mr. Philander Chase and the Rev. Dr. Chase. In the morning I ordained to the Diaconate, JOHN READ WEST, a candidate, pursuing his studies, and assisting in the instruction, at the College. Mr. West will remain there in the same relation, and under the direction of Dr. Chase, officiate in the Chapel services, and in the vacant places around.

In the afternoon, after service in the Chapel—in which I baptized the infant of Dr. Chase, and confirmed *four*, with an address—I consecrated the BURIAL GROUND, adjoining the College, and where repose the remains of its founder, the first Bishop of Illinois. The services were appointed at six P. M., and consisted thus, of Evening Prayer, Baptism, Confirmation and the Consecration of the Burial Ground. The Psalms and Lessons of Evening Prayer,

were all adapted to the Consecration, and considered a part of that service. The proper Psalms I appointed, were the 39th and 90th. The first lesson, Gen. XXIII. and the second lesson, 1 Thess. IV. 14 ad fin. On the close of these services, I led the way with the clergy in surplices, and the whole congregation following in a long line of procession, under the fine trees, to the Burying Ground. Entering the ground, as the sun sank below the horizon, in the calm and gentle solemnity of the hour, the procession walked round the inclosure, repeating alternately with me, Psalms 49 and 105. The effect of this in the "twilight hour," was very impressive. The tramp of so many footsteps of the living of all ages, around the sleeping of many dead—from the little child up to the old Bishop—the voices solemnly uttering the grave truths from the far inspired past, seemed to make a holy wall of severance for the inclosed square from all worldly use and common associations. It became at once girt around by the Church, as a line of sentinels, to warn off the profane and keep its inclosure for the quiet and sacred sleep of the "weary who were at rest." Henceforth none could come within the line without the true pass: "I am the Resurrection and the Life." The starting point for moving thus round the ground, was purposely chosen at the marble monument of the Father in God, to whom the living owed their Church home and the dead their graves. It has by its side a stately tree, then like all the splendid foliage of the domain, in its richest color and fullest leaf. Around this, instinctively, without need of prescribed marshaling, formed the wide and thick circle, while the living Bishop stood side by side with the dead, alone on its area. The light had calmly faded, and since we entered the gate, the lingering sunbeam had passed, the material world around became less distinct, and the wing of coming night was seen and felt strangely like the darker wing of death. First was read the "Instrument of Donation," reciting the secular tenure of the land, and the spiritual conveyance to its sacred purpose, with the request for my consecration of it. The formal declaration of the

"sentence of consecration," fulfilled this fact, and henceforth and forever, that ground became the Church's own, the "Grave Yard of Jubilee College," according to the provisions of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in its Ministry, Doctrines, Liturgy, Rites and Usages. A title this—the defeasance of which would be sacrilege, and the possession of which the old and new tenantry will sustain. I offered prayer, and at its close, the whole assembly joined in singing a part of the 33rd selection.

Then I addressed them on themes congenial with the work and scene, and the audience of living and dead around me. I spoke of the place as "God's acre," of the seed He planted and the fruits to be raised, the contrasted issues of the flesh and spirit, the stupendous scene when opening clouds revealed the Son of man, and heaving graves of the earth and sea gave up their dead. I spoke of the special ground as a casket for jewels, which had been and would be brought and garnered there; composed of honored bodies that slept, precious affections, parts of our individual being, that thus we laid up for future use; and, as I hoped, it would be for all there at least, a casket of holy and admonitory associations, to temper the busy heart as it hurried along the road that bounds the yard, in the flush business of the day; passed it slowly in the weariness of eventide; or in the Sabbath musing on the churchward way, catch from it a whisper word of holy living and holy dying. After the Benediction, we all quietly, involuntarily with slower step and low toned voice, passed to our respective homes.

The service will have a peculiar effect, and ramify with fibres that will spread over a large surface, and turn into many a crevice of hidden association. I thank God that put it into our minds to fulfill it.

October 11th, the eighteenth Sunday after Trinity, I consecrated a Church by the name of St. Paul's Church, Manhattan. It is situated on the prairie, in the township of that name, about ten miles from Joliet. For some years there have been a few resolute and devout Church families in that neigh-

borhood, too weak in themselves to provide a house for the Lord, or support a minister, and yet far too strong in faith and hope to abandon the purpose. Their own house has been the place of worship, and the father of the family the Lay Minister. The accession of other families, a generous gift of land from the late Mr. Bard, of New York, the valuable occasional services of the Rev. Mr. Locke, of Joliet, united to their own generous gifts and faithful labor, have accomplished a work, which, in its relation, is a model. The Church stands on one of the high places of the rolling prairie, visible, I am told, at five miles distance, plainly before us as we approached at a distance of two or three. It has cost about fifteen hundred dollars, including windows of stained glass, appropriate chancel furniture, and vestry room. Adjoining is laid out the burial ground, properly fenced; and beyond lies the glebe land of twenty-five acres. A site adjoining the corner of that has been added by the gift of Mr. Young, (to whom the whole enterprize is largely indebted) on which the parsonage will be built in the spring. Add to this a school, which will follow, and there is a rural parish arranged and endowed as such a one should be, and by the wise provision thus early made, almost insuring for themselves and descendants the constant blessing of a resident minister.

The morning service was connected with the consecration of the Church, the evening with that of the GRAVE YARD. In both of which I was assisted by the Rev. Mr. Stout, the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Locke and Mr. Seaman. The "Donation" of the Church and grave yard was embraced in one instrument, the "sentence of consecration" for each was separate.

In the evening I returned to Joliet, and officiated in CHRIST CHURCH. This was the second visitation in five months. I preached and confirmed *eight* persons, whom I also addressed on their solemn vow.

From Joliet I went to Quincy, and on *Tuesday evening*, *Oct.* 13*th*, after sermon, confirmed *sixteen* in ST. JOHN'S

CHURCH. This old and important parish, under the Rectorship of Rev. Mr. Rudder, is united and vigorous. I trust the few months of his ministry there may grow on to years, and prove, by God's blessing, happy to himself, as they will be effective for his people.

Oct. 14*th.* I visited ZION CHURCH, MENDON. This is one of the older parishes of the Diocese, having been organized in 1839, but is isolated and feeble. A few members have stood faithful under all changes, and if their means were equal to their affection, would enjoy in constancy the Church services. For most of the last year the Rev. Mr. Farmar, (whose name I have in previous reports had occasion to mention in connection with self-denying services rendered to the Church is this Diocese,) has officiated here. His report will appear upon the journal, but he has left this part of the country.

At *Warsaw*, where I preached on *Thursday*, *Oct.* 15*th*, in ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, I confirmed *sixteen*, and was gratified with the advance which the parish has made under the Rev. Mr. Freeman, whose labors the congregation highly appreciate, and, according to their means, have liberally sustained.

On *Friday* I returned to Quincy, and preached again in the evening.

The next day I spent some hours at GALESBURG—visited a number of the Episcopalians there, who are warmly interested in establishing the Church. It forms, with KNOXVILLE—four miles distant on the Rail Road—the most promising place I know for new work.

From a mistake about my baggage, I returned for Sunday to Quincy, where I again preached in the morning.

The opening of the convention has embraced the ordination to the Priesthood of the Rev. DAVID WALKER DRESSER. The presentation of the candidate was made by the Rev. Mr. Morrison, and the officiating clergy in the chancel united in the laying on of hands.

There are two candidates for Priests' Orders attached to

the Diocese, who expected to be ordained at this convention, but from delay in the presentation for examination and of papers, the service is necessarily postponed. It will take place at an early period.

I proceed now to gather the separate statistics.

The following clergymen have been received into the Diocese with Letters Dimissory:

Rev. George E. Peters,	from the Bishop of	Wisconsin.
" John H. Haven,	"	Ohio.
" Henry B. Whipple,	"	Western N.Y.
" John G. Downing,	"	Louisiana.
" William Rudder,	"	New York.
" Noah H. Schenck,	"	Ohio.
" Thomas T. Castleman,	"	Virginia.
" Charles B. Stout,	"	Wisconsin.
" Edward B. Tuttle,	"	Maryland.
" Henry N. Strong, D. D.,	"	Michigan.
" James A. Woodward,	"	Pennsylvania.
" Henry Stanley,	"	Maryland.

Added by Ordination:

Rev. John Wesley Osborne,
" John Read West.

Since received:

The Rev. Lewis P. Clover,	of Diocese of	New York,
" Samuel E. Seaman,	"	Pennsylvania,
" Richard L. Chittenden,	"	Ohio,
" Charles H. Williamson,	"	Louisiana,
" Charles H. Albert,	"	Texas,

Have accepted situations within the Diocese—have engaged in the duties, and three of them are present at this Convention, but from different causes are disappointed in my not receiving in time their Dimissory Letters.

This makes the whole number received, NINETEEN.

The following Clergy have left with Letters Dimissory. The connection of the first two named having been for some years only nominal to this Diocese:

Rev. Charles Reighley, D. D.,	to the Bishop of	Miss.,
" Erastus DeWolf,	"	" Pennsylvania,

Rev. GEORGE P. GEDDINGE, D. D., to the Bishop of Missouri,
" X. ALANSON WELTON, (Deacon, by request,) Iowa,
" CUTHBERT C. BARCLAY, to the Bishop of Western N.Y.,
" ELI ADAMS, " " Iowa, for N.T.
" JOSEPH W. PEARSON, " " Pennsylvania,
" WILLIAM A. SMALLWOOD, D.D., " Maryland,
" RODNEY S. NASH, to Bishop Kemper,

Making whole number dismissed, NINE.

Among the Clergymen, members of the last Convention, the parochial changes have been as follows:

Rev. WILLIAM L. BOSTWICK, from Lockport to *Decatur*.

Rev. JOHN W. CRACRAFT, from Peoria to *Church of the Ascension, Chicago*.

Rev. SAMUEL GOODALE, from Rock Island to *Geneseo*.

" SAMUEL PULFORD, from Woodstock to *Jubilee College*.

" ABRAHAM WARNER, from Farm Ridge to *Peru*.

The aggregate of those, therefore, changing their place of labor, is *one-fourth* of the acting clergy of the Diocese. In the whole body of the acting ministers, there are only seventeen who have not made during the year an entire or partial change of their parochial charge, about *one-third* of the whole number of the Diocese.

The Clergymen received in the Diocese have settled as follows:

The Rev. *G. E. Peters*, in St. John's Church, KEWANEE.
" *J. H. Haven*, in St. Matthew's BLOOMINGTON.
" *H. B. Whipple*, in Church of the H. C., CHICAGO.
" *J. G. Downing*, in St. Paul's Church, DIXON.
" *W. Rudder*, in St. John's Church, QUINCY.
" *N. H. Schenck*, in Trinity Church, CHICAGO.
" *T. T. Castleman*, in KANKAKEE.
" *C. B. Stout*, in St. Paul's Church, MANHATTAN.
" *L. P. Clover*, in St. Paul's, SPRINGFIELD.
" *E. B. Tuttle*, in Trinity Church, BELVIDERE.
" *Charles N. Albert*, Calvary, BATAVIA and GENEVA.
" *S. E. Seaman*, in St. John's Church, LOCKPORT.

The Rev. *H. N. Strong*, in St. Paul's Church, PEORIA.
" *John Wesley Osborne*, Missionary along the Central R. R.
John Read West, in JUBILEE COLLEGE.
Charles J. Williamson, in Christ Ch., COLLINSVILLE.
James A. Woodward, in St. Andrew's, FARM RIDGE.
Richard L. Chittenden, Asst. M. Trinity Ch., CHICAGO.
Henry Stanley, in Trinity Church, ROCK ISLAND.

MISSIONARY.

In close connection with this, stands our *Missionary work.* The places and ministers who have received aid during the year are as follows:

From the amount allowed by the Domestic Committee of the Board of Missions—

Lee Centre, Rev. James Bentley.
Pittsfield, Rev. Robert Ryall.
Providence and Tiskilwa, Rev. F. B. Nash.
Pekin and Tremont, Rev. George Sayres.
Rock Island, Rev. Samuel Goodale, transferred to Geneseo and Cambridge.
Warsaw, Rev. Lyman N. Freeman.
Aurora, Rev. Rodney S. Nash.
Waverly and Chesterfield, Rev. David Walker Dresser.
German Mission, Peoria county, Rev. J. Niglas.

The whole amount has been *thirteen hundred* dollars; in addition to which, an appropriation has been made for the Scandinavian Church in Chicago. Divided as, of necessity, the amount has to be, among many, it cannot be large for the individual minister; yet, I am sure, that, except for this generous assistance and fostering care from the Domestic Committee, as far as we can judge, but few of the above named recipients of its aid would been able to retain their places; and without this same benevolence in years past, the Church would hardly have been planted. We owe the Missionary Board our gratitude, and the warm expression of it; but we owe more—and the true form of expression of our sense of the favors

bestowed, is by hearty, generous effort of response on our part, to cast into their Treasury. Many parishes of the Diocese are able now to contribute and do contribute for "Foreign and Domestic Missions." But I would that all should do so; and if the result were but a trifle, the weakest—the recipient of the bounty—should send back some token of conscious fellowship with the Church at large in its work and wants, and a dew drop of grateful offering for its stream of love.

The *Diocesan appointments* made through the Standing Committee, acting as the Missionary Committee of the Diocese, at their first meeting in December, embraced *fifteen* places. They all required the fostering care; but might not, even with it, be able to secure pastoral supervision. Of these, however, only *eight* have really received appropriations, and some of those only for a portion of the year. The deficiency in past years in the amount of collections enforced upon us anxious prudence. But even with the closest care on the one hand in expending, and urgency in soliciting collections in the Churches, the report of the Treasurer will exhibit deficiency, and reveal that the care of the Missionaries has been aggravated by irregularity in the payment of their small stipends, at the time due, and to this hour, by deficiency serious in amount to them.

The whole amount contributed has only reached about eight hundred dollars. There is no one who does not feel that this is pitifully inadequate, and few, I think, who do not know that there are resources in the Diocese which might legitimately be expected to make the amount at least double. The Churches do not steadily and truthfully respond to the claim on each and all of them, and the blame must lie upon the ministers. The clergy do not present the claim periodically and earnestly; if they did, the Laity would respond more liberally. In some, the whole duty is slurred over in a single informal collection, pressed with no zeal, sustained by no appeals from facts to justify it, and words of earnest appeal to provoke to liberal things. There are but few strong

Churches in the Diocese—few that are above the exigency of extraneous aid for themselves. Even this does not exempt them from being helpers of others; it is their duty and privilege—essential for the training of their own affections, and the fellowship of the saints. But the main burthen and responsibility must rest on the wealthier parishes, and I am constrained to feel that there has been a withholding of what is due from some of them: that where collections have been made which became known over the land for their unusual amount, a mere fractional part has gone through the constituted channels, to the work of the Diocese. I claim, on the principle of St. Paul, that he that provideth not for his own household, has "denied the faith"—that our loyalty in brotherhood, conventional compact and diocesan jurisdiction, put forth a claim for preference. We would not limit benevolence—God forbid! or cramp it within local limits. In Missionary effort, the wider the better. The "field is the world." But there must be a home centre, and that first cared for, because so plainly left in our own charge. Expediency, duty and affection combine to make it our first obligation to advance and sustain the Church in our own jurisdiction; and let the parochial action, in vigorous integrity, carry out the plans and engagements of the diocesan. We are a small and weak body at the best, compared with the territory we dot over, the work entrusted to us, and the success promised by Christ Himself. Withdraw the honest, large-handed aid of half a dozen Churches, and you bankrupt our true home mission. Concentrate that aid heartily, and, in a few years, the internal strength will be a capital, securing our expansion with healthful regularity, and endowing us, without damage to justice, for our share in an almonry world-wide. With the causes which may produce this deficiency, or the distinct apology for it, which may serve to reconcile its apparent disloyalty, I have nothing to do. As a question of conscience, it is not within my present scope. As a matter of fact, it is painfully so; and I am bound to cry, "Sirs, ye are Brethren"! and beseech that there may be a frank, manly fidelity on all

sides to the great work of the Church, and its established agencies for conducting it. Without this, our aggressive force must faint: the Diocese be a mendicant for outer help: its council be untruthful in promise, and its servants dishonored: its equal brotherhood rent, and self-willed patronage supersede the corporate charity of the Church.

In connection with this work, I must again express my anxiety for *District Missionaries*, who might, within appointed bounds, prepare the way for permanent organizations by visiting and keeping alive the attachment of scattered members, and by establishing Sunday Schools, in connection with which might be Lay Reading, as worship for the children and teachers, as well as for the others, who might prefer the Church services. In the separate arrangement of our missionary work, before alluded to, there might be opportunity for this District effort; and, I trust, the hearty benevolence of the Churches will, by and by, afford increased means, and render it a cheering prospect of hope, if not an immediate reality.

Every year makes more obvious the importance of PARSONAGES. In villages, these should have garden spots, and, in the rural districts, glebe land. In some neighborhoods, it seems to me still, that the idea, which, in the early part of my Episcopate, I ventured to suggest and advocate, of "*Parsonage Chapels*," is not without practical utility. It involved the erection of a house on glebe land, the lower part of which would be the minister's residence, and the upper portion the place of worship, until increased means warranted the erection of the Church, and the relinquishment of the temporary Chapel to the larger convenience of the clergyman's home. With thankfulness we may say, that there is an increased interest in the subject of Parsonages; and in several places, as soon as the present financial embarrassment is relieved, steps will be taken to supply the need,—a valuable gift for ourselves and posterity, and which this generation can, in some respects, more readily secure and bequeath.

Of the *Candidates for Orders* reported at the last Conven-

tion, *two* have signified their abandonment of the ministry, and requested the erasure of their names—THOMAS SCOTT LA DUE and WILLIAM WILLIS DE WOLF.

JOHN READ WEST has been ordained to the Diaconate.

JOHN WILKINSON is pursuing his studies to my entire satisfaction in the General Theological Seminary.

W. TAYLOR ROOT is residing in Connecticut, and availing himself of the Berkeley Divinity School.

ERASTUS DE WOLF, for a time absent, owing to ill health, will resume his course at Jubilee College.

The present number is *four*. I am sorry the list has not increased. The applicants, of whom there have been several, have, in each case, had in view the diaconate, in its lowest standard of preparation, and without expecting soon, if ever, to become "Candidates for Priests' Orders." I have hitherto been unwilling to receive such, partly from doubts whether the admission in any considerable number of those so imperfectly educated, would be favorable to the real growth of the Church at large. But I am satisfied, that while in this Diocese, our parishes are not strong enough to sustain them as helpers to the priesthood, they would be placed, at last, where the community would not recognize the official distinction, where each would become the sole representative of the ministry over a large area, and impair rather than advance the substantial influence of the Church.

I may now gather up a summary of what has been thus presented in a detail, which might be tedious as a mere record of individual labor,—humble enough in its aggregate,—if it were not that in such a rapid review of Episcopal supervision, there is the grouping of scattered unities into one family picture, on which we look with affection, even if rudely finished, and are glad that the sketch preserves the features which advancing life will change, or death cause to be no more seen.

During the year, I have visited, with very limited exception, the parishes and missionary stations of the Diocese, preaching on every occasion, and connecting all the confirm-

ations with an address. The number of sermons and addresses, including those incidental, as well as my regular appointments, are *a hundred and thirty-seven.*

I have confirmed on *thirty-four* occasions, *two hundred and forty-six persons*, being, I believe, a larger number than any previous year.

I have administered the Holy Communion *twenty-three* times, baptized *five* infants, solemnized *three* marriages, and performed the burial service *twice.*

I have consecrated *six* churches—

CALVARY CHURCH, BATAVIA;
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, LEE CENTRE;
ST. PETER'S CHURCH, SYCAMORE;
CHRIST CHURCH, JOLIET;
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, ALTON;
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, MANHATTAN.

Four churches have been organized with my official approval—

CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMMUNION, CHICAGO;
ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, DECATUR;
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, MANHATTAN;
CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, CHICAGO.

In addition, I have consecrated

The GRAVE YARD of *Jubilee College;* and
The GRAVE YARD of *St. Paul's Church, Manhattan.*

I have received into the Diocese (with the qualification before mentioned) *nineteen* clergymen, and given dismissory letters to *nine.* If no unfavorable change should occur within a few weeks, the clergy of the Diocese will be *sixty* in number.

Five church buildings are nearly completed, and ready for consecration; and several additional will be built during the coming year, unless the peculiar commercial embarrassments should delay plans already matured.

The Candidates for Orders are *four*—

JOHN WILKINSON,
NATHANIEL TAYLOR ROOT,
ERASTUS DE WOLF,
STEPHEN BAYARD HOFFMAN.

I have ordained to the Priesthood *two*—

REV. CUTHBERT COLLINGWOOD BARCLAY,
" DAVID WALKER DRESSER.

To the Diaconate *two*—

JOHN WESLEY OSBORNE,
JOHN READ WEST.

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I was in my place in the House of Bishops during the whole session of the General Convention, and there offered my resignation of the jurisdiction of this Diocese, in confidence that it would be permitted, and that I should have the privilege of retiring, honorably, from a position which circumstances had rendered painfully oppressive, and thus place you in a con-

dition of finding more effective and congenial headship. The result was a disappointment, the meaning and effect of which we can only wait for God's Providence to unrol.

The action of the House of Bishops on the "Memorial," I sustained by my vote, but more from a sense of obligation to allow a relief which others seemed to require and appreciate, than from any consciousness of that necessity in my own ministerial experience, or a clear conviction of the efficacy and safety of the mode suggested.

I earnestly hope, that in all our parishes, we shall seek no change, but preserve, as before, the services in the connection, which, whether originally intended or not, will be found, I am satisfied, more convenient than a division of them which requires several distinct hours of worship; and leading, in the end, to what I do not suppose it was the intention of the House of Bishops in any degree to sanction, the omission of either the Litany or the Ante-Communion in established Parish Churches.

From this action, contained in the Preamble and Resolutions, on page 204 of the Journal of the late General Convention, it would appear, "that the use of the Book of Common Prayer, as regulated by custom, has especial reference to Parish Churches," as distinguished from "work, where there are no established parishes, and where said parishes are yet in their infancy." Hence it is given as the opinion of the Bishops:

1. That the order of Morning Prayer, the Litany and the Communion Service, being separate offices, may, as in former times, be used separately, under the advice of the Bishop of the Diocese.

On the ground of this separation of the services, I shall feel bound to admit any special arrangement deemed necessary by the Rector of a Parish,—when the same is presented for my advice,—with the full understanding, that while these several offices named, may be used separately, neither of them is to be omitted; with "Evening Prayer," they may constitute *four* services on the Lord's Day, if so many be required,

or, as heretofore, they may be embraced in *two;* but in Parish Churches, where Morning and Evening Service is celebrated, it is my belief that all should be used, and I am warranted in feeling assured, that the strong sentiment of the Diocese will continue to sustain this wonted order.

The exceptive cases, for which a remission of the rubric or canon may be assumed, are:

1. In Parish Churches, before Doctrinal or Expository Courses of Lectures, either weekly or less frequent, when the Congregation are convened mainly for instruction, the Minister, accounting such "a special occasion," or "an extraordinary service," might feel at liberty "to use such parts of the Book of Common Prayer, and such Lesson or Lessons from Holy Scripture, as, in his judgment, tend most to edification." This appears to me to be involved in the action of the Bishops; and where congregations are thus convened in established Parishes, mainly for the purpose of this voluntary religious instruction, and not for stated public worship, while none can doubt that prayer should be made, and the devotions should be from the "Book of Common Prayer," they may consist of selected portions, rather than the full Morning or Evening Service.

2. On Missionary ground, or occasions incidentally offered of preaching the Gospel of Christ where no Church exists, or, as constantly happens in the infancy of Parishes, where there is an uncongenial place for worship, and an assembly untrained in any responsive use of the Liturgy, then the same discretion may apply, and one office be used as a whole without the others, or portions selected, as the extremity of the case may require.

On Missionary ground, and wherever the object is to introduce and establish the Church, the Minister, even if compelled at first to yield to this necessity, should constantly endeavor to press, as far and fast as he can, towards the ordered use of the whole; and in the infancy of his flock not present any part in a form so garbled as to require that it

shall be unlearned when the Parish Church is reared, and the obligation rests upon him and them of the full services.

Where a Missionary service is thus constituted, I can recommend nothing so appropriate as the "LITANY," performed, (as there is reason to think it ought always to be,) in the parts italicized, *consentaneously* by Minister and people, like the General Confession, and not *responsively* as custom now requires.

It is the "Litany or General Supplication,"—not because it embraces within it so large a number of our common wants and dangers, but because, like the General Confession, it is to combine all in its utterance. The Minister should, therefore, audibly complete the sense of what he is uttering, especially, since without that part at which he now suspends his voice, no supplication is made. There has been the enumeration of the mercies desired, but no prayer offered. The Minister, though his voice is hushed, must now silently repeat it, or he has not prayed. But why should he be silent in that emphatic part? It is right that the people should restrain their voices even in a general supplication, for the distinct and solemn enunciation of the particulars, but no propriety requires that the Minister should do the same, in the very part which both the individual and collective intentions of the service make essential to sense and spirit.

The form in which the Litany is printed sanctions this manner of using it. There are responsive parts included in it, but they are always printed in the ordinary type, marked as responsive by the prefix of "Min." and "Answer," and by this evidently distinguished in form from what immediately precedes. But when italics are used, it indicates, I believe, everywhere in the Prayer Book, the simultaneous repeating of those parts audibly by the Minister and the congregation. We adopt this now in the discretionary part of the Litany, although it is printed the same as the preceding, and we pass then into the correct manner with scarce a consciousness of the change. After the Lord's Prayer, a response is introduced. In like manner at the close, immediately preceding

the prayer, "We humbly beseech thee," and in the doxology, the type is altered, and the intimation given that it is responsive, thus discriminating it from the other portion, simultaneous in its form of utterance. In this same relation, the words "Let us pray" are important and significant, not as is sometimes interpreted, bidding to pray more earnestly, but as a return to "prayer," where, as throughout the Liturgy, the people are silent, and answer at the close by "Amen."

In this expression of an opinion, long held by me, of the proper manner of using the Litany, it is not my desire to introduce it into the Parishes of the Diocese. It is better that uniformity should be preserved throughout the Church, and change, however natural and impressive it may appear, rest upon the sanction of the Bishops collectively.

But in selecting a service for those occasions when it is impracticable to use the whole Morning Prayer, for want of responses, I recommend that the Litany should be thus used. The first four sentences repeated by the people, simultaneously with the Minister, and the Minister sustaining his voice in the supplications, the people then audibly joining with theirs. By this means the service will be complete and intelligible, even if no voice should be raised except that of the officiating Clergyman; but each worshiper when instructed to unite aloud in the supplications, will feel bold and encouraged to do so, because assured of the guidance and support of the Minister. The few simple responses, strictly such, will be soon learned; and, in that way, the infant Church be trained without effort to become familiar participant in our most solemn and beautiful office, and in the share in worship, with their own voice, which is the privilege of a Liturgy. Connected with a lesson, with chanting or singing, and prefaced with the Exhortation, it would thus constitute as effective and valuable a missionary service as could be required; which it would be easy to have in separate form distributed for use in such places, and in which the worshiper would make no change when he became the stated attendant in the consecrated House of God.

I have detained you, brethren, already too long to venture on more, in conclusion, than the expression of gratitude for the promising state of the Diocese, and the large advance in the number, efficiency and influence of its Ministry. As a field for the Church's progress it is not surpassed by any, and, God being its helper, there can be no doubt of its bearing its place honorably and steadily in advancing the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

THE

CONSTITUTION AND CANONS

OF THE

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IN THE

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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

TITLE AND BOUNDS OF THE DIOCESE.

This Church shall be known and distinguished as the "Diocese of Illinois;" and its bounds shall be those of the State.

ARTICLE II.

ACCEDING TO GENERAL CONSTITUTION.

The Church in the Diocese of Illinois accedes to the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America; and recognizes the authority of the General Convention of the same.

ARTICLE III.

ANNUAL CONVENTION.

Section 1. There shall be a Convention of the Church in this Diocese, to be holden on the Wednesday on or after the tenth day of September annually.

Sec. 2. In case of the prevalence of an epidemic disease, the Bishop (or, in case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the Standing Committee) shall have power to change the time, or place, or both, of said meeting, at his discretion.

ARTICLE IV.

SPECIAL CONVENTIONS.

The Bishop shall have power to call a special Convention. If the Episcopate be vacant, or if the Bishop be incapacitated from acting, the same may be done by the Standing Committee. The time and place shall be designated by the ecclesiastical authority calling it. Every clergyman entitled to a seat, and every parish in union with this convention, shall be notified by a circular letter, at least four weeks previous to the time appointed; which letter shall specify the purpose for which it is called, and no business shall be transacted at any such meeting other than is stated in the notice.

ARTICLE V.

MEMBERS OF CONVENTION.

SECTION 1. The convention shall be composed of clergy and laity.

SEC. 2. Every clergyman canonically connected with this Diocese, who shall be regularly admitted, and settled in some church within this Diocese, which is in union with this Convention, or employed as missionary within its bounds under the direction of the convention, or of the Bishop of the Diocese, or engaged as President, Professor or Instructor in any College, incorporated Academy, or general Seminary of Learning within the State, or a chaplain in the navy or army of the United States, or in any public institution of the State, shall be entitled to a seat in this convention. Provided also, that no clergyman, otherwise entitled to a seat and vote in this conven-

tion, if disabled by age or infirmities from performing the stated functions of the clerical office, shall be divested of such privilege.

SEC. 3. The lay members shall consist of a delegate or delegates, not exceeding three, from each congregation in the Diocese in union with this Convention. They shall be chosen by the vestry or congregation; shall be communicants and stated worshipers in the parish they represent; and be entitled to vote for wardens and vestrymen of the same.

ARTICLE VI.

OPENING OF CONVENTION.

Every convention shall be opened with the celebration of Divine Service, and the administration of the Holy Communion, and a sermon; and the preacher shall be appointed by the Bishop, unless the Bishop shall himself preach or deliver a charge.

ARTICLE VII.

PRESIDENT OF CONVENTION.

The Bishop is, *ex officio*, President of the Convention. He shall be entitled to vote on every question. He may make any motion, but shall not enter into debate. He may deliver his sentiments on any subject, after it has been discussed and before any vote thereon. In the absence of the Bishop, the assistant Bishop, if there be one, shall preside with like powers. If there be no Bishop, or in case of his absence, and that of the assistant Bishop, if there be one, a President *pro tem.* shall be elected from among the presbyters of the Convention.

ARTICLE VIII.

SECRETARY OF THE CONVENTION.

At each annual Convention, a Secretary shall be chosen from among the members thereof, who shall continue in office until a successor be appointed. His duty shall be to take minutes of the proceedings, and, when approved, to enter them in a proper book; to preserve the journals and records; to attest the public acts of the body; and faithfully to deliver to his successor all books and papers relating to the concerns of the convention, which may be in his possession. He shall also give due notice to each minister and vestry of the time and place appointed for the meeting of the succeeding convention. An assistant Secretary may also be appointed, if requested by the Secretary. Whenever there shall be a vacancy in the office of Secretary to the convention, the duties thereof shall devolve upon the assistant Secretary, if there be one, if not, upon the Secretary of the Standing Committee.

ARTICLE IX.

TREASURER OF THE CONVENTION.

SECTION 1. At each stated Convention, there shall be chosen a Treasurer of the Convention, who shall remain in office until a successor be appointed. It shall be his duty to receive and disburse all moneys collected under the authority of the Convention, and of which the collection and distribution shall not be otherwise regulated. He shall render his account annually to the Convention, which shall be audited by a committee acting under its authority.

Sec. 2. In case the Treasurer die, remove from the Diocese, or is incapable of acting, the Standing Committee shall have power to appoint a treasurer to act until the next succeeding convention, who is authorized to receive all moneys, bonds, mortgages, notes, or other property and papers that may be in the treasury at the time of such decease, resignation, removal or incapacity.

ARTICLE X.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

Section 1. The convention shall elect annually, by the concurrent votes of both orders, a Standing Committee, to consist of three presbyters and three laymen, who shall continue in office until their successors be elected ; and, when there is no Bishop, or he be incapable of acting, shall be the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese for all purposes declared in this Constitution.

Sec. 2. The said presbyters must be those entitled to seats in the Convention of the Diocese; and the lay members of the committee must be communicants of some church in the Diocese in union with this Convention.

Sec. 3. The Committee, at their first meeting, shall choose a president from among the clerical members, and a secretary either clerical or lay. The secretary shall record their proceedings in a book provided for this purpose: which book and all papers in their hands, relative to the church, shall be subject to the examination of the Bishop and of the Convention, and a full report of their acts shall be made at each annual meeting of the Convention.

Any three of the members (the whole having been summoned) shall be a quorum; except for such purposes as, agreeably to their own rules, may require a larger number. They may make rules of meeting, and business, and alter and repeal them from time to time. Vacancies in said Committee, occurring by death or otherwise, shall be supplied by the concurrent vote of the clerical and lay members of the committee.

SEC. 4. In case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the powers and duties to be performed by the Bishop in matters of discipline, shall be performed by the Standing Committee, except in those cases where such powers and duties are, or may be, specially delegated to, or enjoined upon, the clerical members of said committee; in which case, such powers and duties shall be exercised by said clerical members alone. Provided, that no sentence shall be pronounced upon a clergyman but by a Bishop; and that, where there is occasion for it, some neighboring Bishop shall be invited to perform the office.

ARTICLE XI.

DEPUTIES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

At every annual Convention, four clerical and four lay Deputies shall be elected to represent this Diocese in the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America. The clerical members shall be presbyters, canonically connected with the Diocese; and the laymen shall be communicants of some parish in union with this Convention. In case of a failure or neglect of the Convention to elect deputies, those already in office shall

continue until successors are chosen. At the stated meeting of the Convention next preceding each triennial meeting of the General Convention, there shall, also, be chosen by ballot in the same manner, and with the same qualifications as the other deputies, four clergymen and four laymen, as provisional deputies from whom the Bishop shall designate one or more, as the case may be, to supply any deficiency in the representation of the Diocese, which may in any way occur. And the person or persons so designated by the Bishop, being furnished with his certificate thereof, shall have all the power and authority of deputies duly elected by the convention. In case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, or inability in the Bishop to act, this designation shall be exercised by the Standing Committee.

ARTICLE XII.

TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS.

SECTION 1. One-half the clergy entitled to seats in convention, and lay representatives from one-fourth of the parishes in union with the Convention, at any time duly assembled, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, except that a smaller number may adjourn from time to time.

SEC. 2. In all matters which shall come before the convention, the clergy and laity shall deliberate in one body; and in voting, the clergy shall vote by individuals and the laity by congregations, the delegation from each church being entitled to one vote and no more, and a majority of votes of the two orders jointly shall be decisive. On the call of any five members the two orders shall vote sepa-

rately, and a concurrence of a majority of each order shall be necessary to constitute a decision.

ARTICLE XIII.

ADMISSION OF NEW PARISHES.

New Parishes may be admitted into union with this Convention, on motion, by a majority of votes, provided they shall have laid before the Convention, through its Secretary, at least one month before the annual meeting of the same, a certificate from the Bishop of the Diocese, or in the event of there being no Bishop, from the Standing Committee, that he or they approve of the organization of such parish; also a constitution, subscribed by the wardens, in which they expressly accede to the Constitution, Canons, Doctrines, Discipline and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and to the Constitution and Canons of the church in the Diocese of Illinois; also evidence satisfactory that they are duly incorporated and regularly organized, by the election of two wardens and not less than four vestrymen nor more than eight; and that the parish embraces at least six communicants. These facts shall be duly certified by the minister under whose direction the parish was organized, and by the wardens of the same.

ARTICLE XIV.

FORFEITURE OF PRIVILEGES.

Any parish may be suspended from the right of representation in the Convention, or its connection with the Diocese wholly dissolved, by a vote of two-thirds of each order whenever the same shall be deemed necessary; and whenever, in the opinion of

the Bishop, any parish shall be liable to such forfeiture of privilege, or be essentially defunct, he shall signify the same to the Convention, who may proceed forthwith and suspend or dissolve the said parish as the case may require.

ARTICLE XV.

ELECTION OF A BISHOP.

SECTION 1. The election of a Bishop for this Diocese shall be made only in an annual convention, or in a special convention called for the purpose, at least sixty days before the time appointed; the object being stated by notice in writing, and sent by the Secretary of the Standing Committee to every clergyman and vestry of the Diocese.

SEC. 2. The election shall be made in the following manner: The order of the clergy shall nominate, and appoint by ballot, some fit and qualified clergyman for that office; and if this appointment be approved by the lay order voting thereon by ballot, he shall be declared duly elected. If two-thirds of all the clergy, entitled to vote, be present, and two-thirds of all the parishes, entitled to vote, be represented, then a majority of each order shall determine a choice. Should there not be two-thirds of the clergy and congregations present, then two-thirds of the votes of each order shall be necessary to determine a choice.

ARTICLE XVI.

OFFICERS.

The election of all Officers and Representatives provided for in this Constitution shall be by ballot, unless the same be unanimously dispensed with by

the Convention; and in the event of a failure or neglect to elect at any convention, the person or persons already in office shall hold over until successors are regularly appointed.

ARTICLE XVII.

ASSESSMENTS.

This Convention shall have power to raise money by tax or assessment on the churches in union with it, by canon or by special vote, for the necesary and proper expenses of the Diocese represented by them, viz.: for defraying the incidental expenses of the convention; for the charges of the General Convention; for the support of the Episcopate; for ecclesiastical trials and discipline; or any other demands which from time to time the Convention may approve and direct. The Convention shall also have the right to impose such penalty as they may see fit within their lawful power, for the neglect to pay such assessments when imposed.

ARTICLE XVIII.

ALTERATIONS OF THIS CONSTITUTION.

The mode of altering this Constitution shall be as follows: A proposition for amendment shall be introduced in writing and considered in the Convention; and, if approved of, shall lie over to the next Convention; and if again approved of in that Convention by a majority of the two orders, voting separately, the change shall take place, and the Constitution so altered shall be valid and obligatory.

ARTICLE XIX.

All previous Constitutions of this convention are hereby annulled and repealed.

CANONS.

CANON I.

OF A LIST TO BE MADE OF MINISTERS IN THE DIOCESE.

Within one week before the meeting of every convention of this Diocese, the Bishop (or, in case there be no Bishop, or of his inability or disability to act, then the Standing Committee of the Diocese) shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, a list of all the Ministers of the Protestant Episcopal Church, canonically resident in this Diocese; annexing the names of their respective cures, or parishes, or stations as missionaries; or of the colleges, academies, or general seminaries of learning, duly incorporated, in which they are engaged; or in regard to those who are not engaged in parishes, missions, or institutions of learning, as above, the places of residence only; but no clergyman, while suspended from the ministry, shall have a place on said list; and such list shall be before the Convention on the first day of the meeting, and be prefixed to the journal. The said list shall be taken as presumptive evidence of the right of those whose names shall appear thereon, and of the right of none others; liable, however to be rebutted by other evidence satisfactory to the Convention.

CANON II.

OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CONVENTION.

SECTION 1. The right of any clergyman of this Diocese to a seat in the Convention, shall, if disputed, be determined according to the provision of the Fifth Article of the Constitution, by the Convention itself; whether his name be inserted in the list aforesaid, or omitted.

SEC. 2. The evidence of the regular admission of a clergyman into the Diocese, and the evidence of settlement in a parish thereof, shall consist in proof satisfactory to the Convention of a compliance with the Canons of this Diocese, and of the Canons of the General Convention in that behalf for the time being. In all cases of a contested right to a seat, the evidence of employment as a Missionary shall consist in the certificate of the Bishop, or in case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, of the President of the Standing Committee. The evidence of the connection of a clergyman with a seminary of learning duly incorporated, shall consist, also, in the certificate of the Bishop, or in case of a vacancy of the Episcopate, of the President of the Standing Committee. No clergyman shall be entitled to a seat as an infirm clergyman, unless he shall produce a certificate from some respectable physician, that his state of health unfits him for the active duties of a minister, and there be evidence that at the time his health became infirm, he was entitled to a seat in the Convention.

SEC. 3. The appointment of a lay delegate to

the convention of this Diocese, shall be certified in writing by the Rector or Minister of the parish of which he is the representative, or by one of the wardens, and by the clerk of the vestry of such church. Every certificate of the appointment of a lay delegate, shall show upon its face that the appointment has been made in pursuance of all the requirements of this section, and shall certify that the delegate has the qualifications required by the Fifth Article of the Constitution. And no other certificate or evidence of the appointment of any lay delegate than such as is herein required, shall be allowed or received.

CANON III.

OF THE CALL OF CONVENTION.

The mode of giving notice of the meeting of any convention, shall be by a circular addressed to every clergyman and vestry in the Diocese, one month before the time appointed: and whenever, under the provisions of the Constitution, a special convention is called for any particular purpose, it shall be the duty of the Secretary, in the notice thereof to specify such purpose. It is also hereby declared to be the duty of every clergyman entitled to a seat, to attend the meetings of the convention; and of every church in union with the convention to send one or more delegates. Each church is required to make suitable provision by collection, or otherwise, for the expenses of the Minister in fulfilling the above required duty.

CANON IV.

OF THE BUSINESS OF CONVENTION.

I. At the opening of each Annual Convention after Morning Prayer, Sermon, and the administration of the Holy Communion, the President shall take the chair; after which the order of procedure shall be as follows:

1. The Secretary, under the direction of the Bishop, or in case of his absence or inability to act, or of a vacancy in the Episcopate, under the direction of the Standing Committee, shall call over the names of the clergy entitled to seats.

2. He shall call over the churches entitled to representation, when the lay delegates shall present their certificates, which certificates shall be examined by the Secretary, and a committee of two members appointed by the presiding officer. Irregular and defective certificates, and certificates and documents referring to contested seats, shall be temporarily laid aside. The names of the lay delegates duly appointed, shall then be called; after which the certificates and documents laid aside shall be reported to the convention, which shall decide on the admission of the delegates named therein.

3. A constitutional quorum being present, the President shall declare the convention organized for business, which shall proceed in the following order:

4. Reading of the Rules of Order.

5. The election of a Secretary and Treasurer, and an Assistant Secretary, if required.

6. The appointment of the following Standing Committees by the President:

1. On the Incorporation of Churches, and their admission into union with the Convention — one clergyman and two laymen.

2. A Committee on Finance; to whom shall be referred the accounts of the Treasurer, and different Funds—one clergyman, and two laymen.

3. A Committee on Privilege; to whom shall be referred the clerical or lay claims for a seat in the convention—two clergymen and two laymen.

4. A Committee on Legislation; to whom shall be referred all proposed alterations and amendments of the Constitutions and Canons—at least two clergymen and two laymen.

5. A Committee on the Extension of the Church; to whom shall be referred the subjects of Missions, Education, and the other work of the church.

7. The appointment of Inspectors of Elections—one clergyman and one layman for the clerical votes, and one clergyman and one layman for the lay votes; for the Standing Committee; the deputies and provisional deputies to the General Convention; and the "Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Illinois."

8. The receiving, and referring when necessary, of Reports, other than those of special committees, which may have been handed in to the Secretary.

9. The receiving and referring of applications of churches for admission into union with this Convention.

10. Miscellaneous business.

II. On the second day, the order of business, after Morning Prayer, shall be:

1. Reading and approving of the Minutes.

2. Receiving certificates of lay delegates not present before.

3. Calling over the names of members not present on the first day.

4. Report of the Committee on the Incorporation of Churches.

5. Admission of parishes into union with the Convention.

6. Reception of the clergy and lay delegates of the same.

7. Annual Address of the Bishop; unless he should prefer another time for its delivery, if so, it shall be at any time in order.

8. Report of the Secretary, when any business has been committed to that officer.

9. Report of the Standing and Missionary Committee of the Diocese.

10. Report of the "Trustees of the Diocese of Illinois."

11. Report of the standing committee on the Treasurer's report.

12. Report of special committees.

13. The election of the Standing Committee, the Deputies and the provisional Deputies to the General Convention, and the "Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Illinois."

14. Miscellaneous business.

III. On the third, and any subsequent day, the order of business, after Morning Prayer, shall be:

1. Reading and approval of the Minutes.

2. Receiving the certificates of lay delegates not present before.

3. Calling the names of members not present before.

4. Reports not presented the day before, in order.
5. Miscellaneous business.

IV. If the prescribed order of business on any day should not have been gone through with, the first business on the succeeding day shall be the matters which had not been reached on the preceding day, and in the order for that day prescribed. This rule shall not apply to miscellaneous business.

V. If the President, *ex officio*, is not present at the opening of the Convention, the Secretary shall call the Convention to order, when the senior presbyter present, being entitled to a seat, shall take the chair; and in such case, immediately after the organization of the Convention, a President shall be elected by ballot from among the clergy.

VI. Before the rising of the Convention, the minutes of the last day's meeting shall be read and approved.

CANON V.

THE SECRETARY.

Section 1. In addition to the constitutional provisions, it is hereby made the duty of the Secretary to transmit annually to each of the Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and to the Secretary of the last House of Clerical and Lay Deputies in the General Convention, and to the Secretary of every Diocesan Convention, a copy of the journal of the Convention, and shall request

the last to send copies of their respective journals in exchange. He shall also transmit to each General Convention a certificate of the appointment of clerical and lay deputies, and of the nomination of trustees of the General Theological Seminary.

SEC. 2. The Secretary shall, within thirty days after the annual Convention shall have adjourned *sine die*, furnish to the Treasurer a certified statement of all accounts allowed by the Convention, and the Treasurer shall pay the same; and also any claims and accounts duly allowed and certified by the Standing Committee, during the recess of the Convention, (but none other,) out of any money in his hands not otherwise appropriated.

CANON VI.

OF THE TREASURER.

In addition to the provisions constitutional and by canon, the Treasurer shall also procure and keep a properly bound book, in which shall be entered accounts and statements in detail, of all moneys received and disbursed by him; and shall also keep accounts with the several parishes, in which he shall charge them with the amounts assessed, etc., upon each, and credit them with the amount paid by them respectively. The Secretary's journals and records, and the Treasurer's books, shall be at all times open to the inspection of the Bishop, of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, and of the Convention or any committee thereof. Within one week before the opening of each annual Convention, he shall prepare a list

and hand the same to the Secretary, of all the parishes delinquent in the full payment of dues, assessments or other charges, imposed by order of the Convention, and the liability to penalty, if any, incurred by said delinquency; and if in consequence of this, the parish shall not be entitled to representation, he shall state that fact, and the name of the said parish shall be omitted by the Secretary in calling the roll of the churches entitled to representation, for the presentation of the certificates of lay delegates. The names of the delinquent parishes shall be read after the names of the lay delegates, duly appointed, shall have been called, and the convention declared duly organized. The convention may take such action in each case, as they may deem proper.

CANON VII.

OF DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

SECTION 1. The Board of Missions of this Diocese shall consist of the Bishop, together with the Standing Committee, of which Board the Bishop shall be *ex officio* President.

SEC. 2. The Standing Committee may at any time resolve itself into the Board of Missions, at the request of the Bishop; and in case this request be made by letter, then the Board may act on such business only as the Bishop may designate.

SEC. 3. No Missionary shall be appointed by the Board, unless he shall first have been nominated by the Bishop.

SEC. 4. The Treasurer of the Convention shall be the Treasurer for Diocesan Missions.

CANON VIII.

OF PAROCHIAL ASSOCIATION AND INCORPORATION.

SECTION 1. It shall be lawful for any number of persons not less than twelve, males of full age, friendly to the Episcopal Church, and desirous of concentrating their endeavors, to associate and organize themselves as a Parish in the following manner:

I. Notice shall first be given to the Bishop, or, if there be no Bishop, to the President of the Standing Committee, of the intention thus to associate and organize. Said notice shall be in writing, and contain such information in the premises, as may enable the Bishop to judge of the propriety of the act, which paper shall be signed by the persons respectively, who propose to organize. If the Bishop approve of the proposed organization, he shall give a written certificate to that effect, which approval shall be transmitted to the Secretary of the Convention with the other papers, and the approval of the Bishop of the organization be essential for the admission of the parish into union with the Convention. The notice to the Bishop shall contain the following Article: "We, whose names are hereunto affixed, deeply sensible of the truth of the Christian Religion, and earnestly desirous of promoting its holy influences in our own hearts, and in those of our families and neighbors, do hereby associate ourselves under the name of ———, in communion with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and the Diocese of Illinois, the authority of whose constitutions and canons we do hereby recognize, and to whose liturgy and mode of worship and discipline we promise conformity."

On the approval by the Bishop, or in the event of a vacancy in the Episcopate, by the President of the Standing Committee, of the proposed organization, the proceedings shall be as follows:

1. Notice shall be given, on some occasion of public morning service, at least two weeks previous to the time of meeting, that the persons belonging to the Protestant Episcopal Church, or desirous of uniting with the same, will meet at a time and place specified, for the purpose of incorporating themselves, adopting a constitution for the parish, and electing the requisite number of wardens and vestrymen. This notice shall be given by the clergyman, if there be one, and, if not, by some neighboring clergyman, invited to hold service, and give the notice, and also to preside on the occasion of the meeting for organization.

2. At the time of the meeting, the clergyman, as aforesaid, shall preside; a Secretary shall be appointed; a book provided for the minutes, in which should be first entered the names of the persons who attend, and are qualified to vote, and a record made of all papers and action, previously had, in reference to the association and organization.

3. A Constitution for the Parish shall then be adopted according to the following prescribed form:

CONSTITUTION OF A PARISH OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH, IN THE DIOCESE OF ILLINOIS.

ARTICLE I.

ACCEDING TO THE GENERAL AND DIOCESAN CONSTITUTION, CANONS, &C.

This parish, as a constituent part of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Illinois, expressly

accedes to, recognizes and adopts the Constitution, Canons, Doctrines, Discipline and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese, and acknowledges their authority accordingly.

ARTICLE II.

USE OF THE CHURCH BUILDING.

The Church Building, or house of worship, belonging to this parish, may be opened for all services, rites, ceremonies, or other purposes, either authorized or approved of by the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, or the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese.

ARTICLE III.

RECTOR AND MINISTER.

SECTION 1. The Rector is, *ex officio*, President of the Vestry, and of the congregation, and has the casting vote, in case of a tie, on all questions brought before it.

SEC. 2. The Minister has the spiritual oversight of this parish, and the church building shall be open to him for public common prayer, catechetical or other religious instruction, for marriages, baptisms, funerals, and all other rites and ceremonies authorized by the Protestant Episcopal Church, at such times as he may deem proper.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Minister to enter in the church register all baptisms, marriages, burials, and confirmations, occurring within his cure; to keep an accurate list of communicants, and also a register of the families and individuals belonging to the parish.

SEC. 4. The Minister of this parish shall, at the end of every civil year, present to the Wardens a

full, faithful, and accurate written account of all offerings received and disbursed by him in his official capacity as almoner of the church, which account the Wardens shall present to the Vestry, to be by them examined and entered in the "Record book" of the church, and the original shall be placed upon file among the parish documents. This annual account shall distinctly state the sources from whence the offerings came, and the persons or objects to which they were applied. It is left discretionary with the Minister to withhold names, where prudence or a regard for the feelings of individuals render it expedient.

ARTICLE IV.

WARDENS.

Section 1. The Senior Warden, or in case of his inability to act, then the Junior Warden shall have the care of the "Record book" of the parish, and shall cause to be copied therein all documents bearing upon the history of the parish.

Sec. 2. The Wardens shall have a care that the church building be kept from all secular, or other uses not authorized by Article II of this Constitution; that it be kept in good repair as becometh the house of God.

Sec. 3. In case there be no Rector, or of absence, or inability to act on his part, the Wardens, according to seniority, shall preside at all meetings of the vestry, and of the congregation. In case both the Rector and Wardens be absent, a Vestryman shall be chosen to preside.

Sec. 4. In case there be any clergyman of the church, residing within this parish, who shall conduct himself in such a way as is contrary to the rules of the church, and disgraceful to his office, the Wardens shall in writing give notice thereof to the Bishop of the Diocese, or to the Standing Committee, if there be no Bishop.

SEC. 5. In the absence of the Wardens, their several duties shall devolve upon the Vestrymen.

ARTICLE V.

ANNUAL ELECTIONS.

The congregation of this parish shall meet annually on Monday of Easter week, and elect two Church Wardens, and not less than three, nor more than eight Vestrymen, who shall continue to discharge the functions of their office during one year, or until their successors are elected, in accordance with the provisions of the act of the Legislature on the subject.

ARTICLE VI.

VESTRYMEN.

SECTION 1. The Vestrymen, together with the Wardens, shall transact all the temporal business of the parish; shall collect and disburse all money due for church purposes; and shall at the end of every civil year, if the treasury be deficient, collect as far as practicable, by subscriptions or otherwise, a sum sufficient to liquidate all the current expenses of the church.

SEC. 2. The Vestry shall, on or before Easter Monday, cause to be written and placed in the hands of the Minister, but if there be no Minister, then the Senior Warden—a full, accurate and faithful statement of the temporal condition of the parish, as a body corporate, and at the meeting of the congregation on Easter Monday, the Minister or Senior Warden shall, before balloting for Wardens and Vestrymen, present and read the same to the congregation, and afterward deliver it to the new Vestry, to be by them examined and entered in the Record book of the church, and the original shall be placed on file among the parish documents. The said statement shall declare what money, lands, or other

property, have been received during their term o office, and from what source. It shall further declare what money has been expended, and for what objects; what property has been purchased, exchanged, mortgaged, sold or otherwise alienated or encumbered, and for what purposes.

ARTICLE VII.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

SECTION 1. A Secretary and Treasurer shall be annually elected by the vestry, who shall serve until their successors in office are chosen.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to attend all meetings of the Vestry; to take minutes of its proceedings, and when approved, to enter and attest the same in the "Book of Minutes" of the Vestry; it shall be his further duty to enter in the "Record book" of the church the minister's annual account of offerings, and the vestry's annual account of the temporal condition of the parish, and to preserve on file all the originals.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all money collected under the authority of the Vestry, the reception and disbursement of which is not otherwise provided for; and in case there be no collector appointed by the vestry, he shall also collect the same.

SEC. 4. No money shall be paid by the Treasurer except on an order from the Vestry, signed by one of the Wardens. The Treasurer shall present to the Vestry, at least two weeks before Easter Monday, a full and accurate statement, accompanied with vouchers, of all moneys received and paid by his department, since the last annual statement.

SEC. 5. The Treasurer, if he be not a member of the vestry, shall attend its meetings when requested, and be guided by its advice in all matters pertaining

to the duties of his office, and be ready to answer all questions as to the state of the treasury.

ARTICLE VIII.

VESTRY MEETINGS.

SECTION I. Quarterly meetings of the Vestry shall be held on the first Monday of May, August, November and February.

SEC. 2. Special meetings may be held at such times as the minister, or any two of the members, may desire. At every meeting of the vestry, the minutes of the last meeting shall be read, and, if correct, approved; if incorrect, amended and approved. At every quarterly meeting, the minutes of the last quarterly, and of all subsequent special meetings, shall be read.

ARTICLE IX.

ALTERING OF CONSTITUTION.

Alterations, amendments or additions may at any time be made to this Constitution by the annual Diocesan Convention.

CANON VIII.

CONTINUED.

4. All the provisions of the statute for religious incorporations of the State of Illinois, and of any Canon of the General Convention, shall be strictly followed and observed, and all the acknowledgments or record thereby required, be duly made, and the whole proceedings of the meeting be certified by its presiding officer and Secretary.

5. The application for admission into union with the convention of the Diocese shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the convention at least one month

before the meeting of the annual Convention, which application shall be accompanied with a copy of the minutes duly certified, and of all the other papers, the certificate of the Bishop, approving of the organization, and the proof of record or other acts required by the statute. Provided, however, that such parish shall have at least six communicants to entitle it to a representation in the convention.

CANON IX.

OF VESTRIES.

SECTION 1. On Easter Monday, or some other day in each year, the parishioners of each church shall elect a Vestry, to consist of a senior and junior warden, who shall be communicants, and from three to eight Vestrymen, who shall be baptized persons, if such, suitable for the office, can be had; and the Vestry may fill vacancies occurring in their own body; and only the male communicants of a parish, and such other persons, not under age, as have signed the articles of parochial association, or during the previous year have contributed to the support of the church in that parish, and frequented its services, shall be entitled to vote in any parish election.

SEC. 2. In the absence of the rector, one of the wardens shall preside in Vestry meetings. The Vestry shall elect a clerk, whose duty it shall be to take minutes of their proceedings; to preserve their journals and records; to attest the public acts of the Vestry; and to perform such other duties as shall be legally assigned him. He shall deliver into the hands of his successor all books and papers relative to the concerns of the church, which may be in his possession.

Sec. 3. The duties of the Vestry shall be to take charge of the property of the Church; to attend to and regulate all its temporal concerns; to make arrangement for the support of the rector; and to supply his place in case of a vacancy. They shall continue in office until their successors be chosen, and shall be considered trustees of their respective churches, in accordance with the provisions of the law of this State for the incorporation of religious societies. (See Revised Code, pp. 120–21.)

CANON X.

OF THE SETTLEMENT OF CLERGYMEN IN PARISHES.

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the wardens of every parish to give written notice to the Bishop, and, if there be no Bishop, to the Standing Committee, so soon as a vacancy shall occur in the pastoral charge of the same.

Sec. 2. On the call of a clergyman being made, and an answer, favorable to his acceptance of the same, received, it shall be the duty of the Wardens to give immediate notice to the Bishop; or, if there be no Bishop, to the Standing Committee, according to Canon VII, of General Convention of 1856.

Sec. 3. No clergyman shall be admitted to the pastoral charge of any congregation in this Diocese, without producing to the Vestry thereof a certificate from the Bishop, or, in case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, from the Standing Committee, that he has produced to him or them testimonials of his religious and moral conduct; as prescribed by the Canons of the General Convention.

CANON XI.

PARISH REGISTERS AND PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

SECTION 1. In the register required by Canon XXIX, of the General Convention of 1832, to be kept in each parish, shall be specified the name and time of the birth of the child baptized, with the names of the sponsors and parents; the name of the adult baptized, and the witnesses; the names of the parties married, and of two or more special witnesses of the same, and the place where the marriage was solemnized; the names of the persons buried, the place of interment, and also the time when each rite was performed. It shall also contain a list of the communicants, which shall embrace all within the parish, as nearly as can be ascertained; and also a list of the families and adult persons as far as practicable; and also an accurate list of the persons confirmed from time to time by the Bishop. The Register shall be kept by the minister in a suitable book, to be provided by the vestry; which book shall be the "Parish Register," and shall be preserved by the vestry as a part of the records of the church.

SEC. 2. Every minister of this Diocese shall, on or before the first day of every annual Convention, present or send to the Bishop, or, if there be no Bishop, to the President of the Convention, a statement of the number baptized and confirmed since the last annual Convention, the number of those who partake of the Lord's Supper, specifying the additions or removals that may have taken place, and the number of marriages and funerals. He shall also report the number of pupils and teachers, connected with Sun-

day school instruction in the parish, and the amount of "offerings of the church," stating the objects to which such offerings are appropriated, and what has been done, in compliance with the requisitions of the Convention. The Parochial Report may also present concisely any other matters of fact which show the state of the parish.

SEC. 3. In every case where a parish is destitute of a minister, the register contemplated in this Canon, shall be kept by some person appointed by the vestry for that purpose.

CANON XII.

OF THE SUPPORT OF MINISTERS.

Whereas, it is enjoined that the Minister of the Gospel shall live of the Gospel, and it is the right and duty of every parishioner or member of a congregation to contribute his or her share to the support of the ministry, as GOD hath given ability; and, whereas, it is the business of the vestry of each parish or congregation to take care for the fulfillment of the divine command, by the diligence of the people: It shall be the duty of the vestry of each parish or congregation to provide, by taking care for the gathering of offering in divine service, or by the procurement and collection of subscriptions, or of pew rents, by committees or otherwise, for the payment of the amount stipulated for the support of the rector or minister, or ministers, quarterly; and it shall be the duty of every rector or minister, in his annual report to the Bishop, to state distinctly what sum has been

agreed upon between the parish and himself as the annual salary, and what portion, if any, of that salary has been left unpaid.

CANON XIII.

OF PAROCHIAL ASSESSMENTS AND COLLECTIONS.

It shall be the duty of every parish to contribute and forward to each annual Convention, a sum equal to fifteen cents for each communicant in the same, to defray the contingent expenses of the Diocese; and at the annual Convention, immediately preceding the triennial meeting of the General Convention, an additional sum of ten cents for each communicant, for the dues and expenses incident to that body; and it shall also be the duty of each parish to pay in regular quarterly payments, for the support of the Episcopate, a sum equal to one dollar for every communicant in the parish, (the number of communicants to be determined by the last annual report,) until a fund shall be provided for that purpose. All such parishes as fail to pay their quota of all assessments imposed by the authority of the Convention, shall not be entitled to representation, unless excused by the Convention by special vote.

CANON XIV.

AGED AND INFIRM CLERGYMEN.

SECTION 1. It is hereby declared to be the duty of every Rector, officiating Minister and Missionary, to make a collection in his respective congregation on the day appointed for annual Thanksgiving, to be

appropriated to the relief of aged and infirm Clergy in the Diocese.

Sec. 2. The collection shall be sent immediately to the Treasurer of the Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church, who shall keep the fund separate from other funds, to be paid out as hereinafter provided.

Sec. 3. The Bishop and Standing Committee shall appropriate this money to those entitled to it, according to their discretion, a report of which shall be submitted to each Convention, and spread upon the journal.

CANON XV.

CONCERNING ELECTIONS.

Elections by ballot, when required by the Canons, may be dispensed with by a unanimous vote of the Convention; and when an election is by ballot, a majority of the votes in each order shall be necessary to a valid election.

CANON XVI.

OF VACANT PARISHES.

Whenever a parish shall have become vacant, and the wardens shall have given the required notice thereof to the Bishop, he shall appoint those of the clergy in the Diocese, who can with most convenience discharge the duty, to supply such vacant parishes as have been reported to him, at such time as may be deemed convenient and proper. And at any Convention, the clergy so appointed, shall be

called on for an account of the fulfillment of the duty, and to make a full report concerning the state of the parish which they have visited. It shall be the duty of such vacant parishes thus supplied, to defray all of the expenses incident to such occasional services.

CANON XVII.

OF PREPARING A REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

In order to carry into effect the recommendations contained in Canon LI of the General Convention, a committee of the convention of this Diocese shall be appointed at a regular meeting of the same, next before every stated meeting of the General Convention, to draft, with the advice and approbation of the Bishop, a report of the state of the Church, to be presented to the General Convention.

CANON XVIII.

OF PAROCHIAL INSTRUCTION.

SECTION 1. On notice being received by a minister or missionary from the Bishop, of his intention to visit the parish or parishes of said minister or missionary, it shall be his duty to give notice thereof to his congregation or congregations, on their first meeting thereafter for public worship; and also, immediate notice thereof to the members individually, as opportunity may offer. He shall also, on said occasion of public worship, invite the children of due age, and others not confirmed, to advise with him concerning their coming to that holy ordinance;

and he shall diligently and faithfully prepare them for the same. And he shall be ready to present for confirmation those who shall have been previously instructed and prepared; and shall deliver to the Bishop a list of the names of those presented.

SEC. 2. Every minister of a parish shall instruct the children in the Catechism publicly in the church; and shall encourage the formation of Sunday schools, and efficient instruction in them, in conformity with the principles of the Protestant Episcopal Church. He shall report the number of catechumens and of scholars and teachers in his annual Parochial Report.

CANON XIX.

OF LAY READERS.

None shall be considered as authorized to officiate as a Lay Reader in this Diocese, except in cases of particular emergency, without a written license from the Bishop; or, in case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, from the Standing Committee; and Lay Readers shall in all cases conform to the provisions of the XIth Canon of the General Convention.

CANON XX.

OF THE TRIAL OF A CLERGYMAN NOT BEING A BISHOP.

Whenever any minister of this Diocese, not being a Bishop thereof, shall become liable to presentment and trial under the provisions of any Canon of the General or Diocesan Convention, the mode of proceeding in this Diocese shall be as follows, viz.:

SECTION 1. Whenever the Bishop shall have reason to believe, on information being given by a major part in number of the vestry of any church, of which the accused is a minister, or by any three presbyters of this Diocese entitled to seats in the convention, or "from public rumor," as contemplated by section 2nd, Canon XXXVII, of the General Convention, that any clergyman is under imputation of having been guilty of any offense or misconduct for which he is liable to be tried, and that the interest of the church requires an investigation, it shall be his duty to appoint three persons, of whom two at least shall be presbyters, to examine the case, a majority of whom may make such examination; and if there be, in their opinion, sufficient grounds for a presentment, they shall present such clergyman to the Bishop; who shall thereupon cause a copy of said presentment, together with a citation to appear and answer thereto, to be served upon the accused with all convenient speed.

SEC. 2. The Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, the Standing Committee, shall appoint the place for the trial, which must be within the Diocese.

SEC. 3. The Bishop shall preside upon the trial as judge, and not less than three nor more than five presbyters shall be his assessors to try the facts in issue; which presbyters shall be selected by the accused out of a list of eight, (to be furnished by the Bishop from among those entitled to seats in the convention,) who shall be unconnected with said party by relationship or marriage, and not parties in the presentment; and if the accused shall neglect or refuse to make his selection, the Standing Committee

shall select for him; and if there be no Bishop, or he decline sitting on the trial, the Standing Committee shall designate some member of the court to preside in his stead.

Sec. 4. A written notice of the time and place appointed for the trial shall be served on the accused, and also on one of the presenters, at least thirty days previous thereto; and advocates or proctors shall be allowed on either side, at the pleasure of the party, provided they are clergymen canonically resident in the Diocese, or laymen, who have been communicants in some parish of the same for at least two years before the trial.

Sec. 5. All testimony adduced upon the trial shall be in writing, taken, on due notice to the parties, either by a commissary, appointed for that purpose by the Bishop, or in the manner of commissions and depositions in civil cases. But this provision shall not prevent the appearance of the witnesses, and the hearing of their testimony, on the trial, whenever it shall be preferred by either party; and the testimony so received shall be reduced to writing, and signed by the witnesses respectively.

Sec. 6. If a clergyman presented shall at any time before the commencement of the trial, confess the facts charged in the presentment, the Bishop shall, with the consent and approval of the clerical members of the Standing Committee, proceed to pass sentence; otherwise, he shall be considered as denying them.

Sec. 7. The court being duly constituted by the presence of the requisite number of presbyters, they

shall receive such evidence as may be adduced, in accordance with the provisions of this Canon, and, having deliberately considered the same, shall declare in a writing signed by them, or a majority of them, their verdict on the several charges and specifications contained in the presentment; distinctly stating whether the accused is guilty or not guilty of each respectively, and stating also the sentence, which, in their opinion, should be pronounced. A copy of such verdict shall, without delay, be communicated to the accused, and the original verdict, together with the evidence, shall be delivered to the Bishop, who shall, before the adjournment of the court, if present, pronounce such canonical sentence thereon as shall appear to him proper, provided the same exceed not in severity the sentence awarded by the assessors; and such sentence shall be final. *Provided, however*, that the Bishop, if he thinks justice requires, and, if there be no Bishop, the ecclesiastical authority, may grant a new trial to the accused.

Sec. 8. All citations and notices in any ecclesiastical proceedings, whether to parties or witnesses, may be served, either personally, or by leaving copies thereof at their residences respectively; and may be served by a summoner or summoners, appointed for that purpose by the Bishop, and of such service their certificate shall be evidence. In case of service by any other person, the fact shall be proved by the affidavit of that person. The time between the day of service and the day of appearance shall not be less than twenty days over and above the ordinary time required to travel to the place of appearance.

Sec. 9. The expense necessarily incurred on any trial under this Canon, including those of the accused when found innocent, shall be paid out of any unappropriated moneys in the treasury, the accounts of the same having first been audited under the direction of the Convention.

Sec. 10. No clergyman shall be suspended, or receive any public censure from the Bishop of the Diocese, without having been adjudged thereto, in the manner provided for by this Canon.

CANON XXI.

CONCERNING ALTERATIONS IN THE CANONS, AND ADDITIONS THERETO.

No proposed alteration of, or addition to, the Canons shall hereafter be considered by the Convention, unless one day's previous notice be given thereof in open Convention, nor unless by unanimous consent, until such alteration or addition shall have been referred to, and reported upon, by a committee of at least two presbyters and two laymen; nor shall such alteration or addition be adopted during the same Convention, if two-thirds of the votes of both orders shall not concur therein; but in such cases, the same (unless negatived by a majority of the members present,) shall lie over for consideration until the next annual meeting of the Convention.

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